

Finance Council

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2024



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Our Mission Statement: Supporting the parish mission through the wise stewardship of the temporal gifts entrusted by God to the parish.

Location:	School Commons
Meeting Date	April 25, 2024 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:30 pm
Members present	Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, John Style, Craig Gezella, Molly Gutkowski, Terry Patrick, Jeff Taylor, Gary Lockstein, Eric Van de Yacht
Absent	Chad Bianchi, Mike Ruby
Staff/Guest	Sarah Wulf
Opening Prayer	Molly Gutowski

Approve Minutes: Minutes from March 21, 2024 meeting - motion to approve by Jeff Taylor seconded by Gary Lockstein. All in favor, motion carried.

Giving Ministry

- SCRIP: Sarah presented the SCRIP audit results. Sarah will go through the results in more detail, and procedures will be adjusted as needed.
- Memorial/Endowment: Paul and John will come up with strategies for the rest of the year and will discuss at the next meeting.
- Booster Club Update: Eric gave update on the gym floor. They are considering a potential solution other than a wood floor. There will be changes to the Packer booths. They will be losing the portable booth, due to recent changes at Lambeau Field. They may potentially be losing the other booth in the future. The Packer booths are their biggest fund raiser for the Booster Club.
- Education: No update.
- Cost Optimization: Sarah found some envelope savings, we will utilize the envelopes already supplied by the diocese. We discussed the snow removal/salting expenses. The expenses were similar to last year, but there were less days.
- Green Envelopes: Pave The Way campaign is going well. \$21,000 has been raised (\$42,000 with the match). Total cost for the project is \$70,000-\$80,000.

Financial Health Update/Approval of Financials – Very strong parish support in March, Easter and five weekends in the month helped. The financial health of the parish is very strong. We discussed the successes of the Active Member Movement. Sarah continues to go through a learning curve with the new accounting system, she continues to learn more and work through the processes. A motion was made by John Style to approve the March 2024 financials, seconded by Molly Gutkowski. All were in favor of approving the March 2024 financials, the motion carried.

Business Manager's Report – Sarah is working on next year's budget. Sarah requested guidance from the FC on certain areas of the budget, which we discussed with her.

School Project – Jeff gave an update on the school project. Bayland Builders will be starting the project in mid-May. The project cost is expected around \$300,000.

Bishop's Appeal Update – Fr. Jim gave an update. Currently 88% to the goal, \$22,000 remaining to reach goal. There have been 451 givers, and we are ahead of last year's numbers. We decided to not make any special announcements during Mass, we will let the giving come in as is.

Liaison Reports – Building & Grounds - Just completed the spring cleanup. Have received contract for the parking lot and school renovation projects. The light sconces in the Narthex has been financed by private donations and is moving forward. Also discussed the concrete paving project around the pond. This will be 700 ft of concrete, project to be done by Christensen Concrete.

Coffee & Rolls – Sunday May 19, 2024 – FC will be covering the 8:00 am Mass.

Closing Prayer – Terry Patrick

A motion was made by Molly Gutkowski to end the meeting, seconded by Jeff Taylor. All were in favor, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 7:56 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday May 23, 2024, 6:30-8:00 in the Fire Place Room

Joint Meeting: Thursday June 27, 2024 6:30-8:00 in the Narthex

Respectfully submitted by John Style