

Minutes of the St. Anthony Abbot Finance Committee  
Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Abbot Parish Center

Members Present: Bob Boehm and Ryan Schug.  
Absent: Rich Rydberg

- I. Meeting was called to order by Bob Boehm at 6:07 p.m.
- II. Dcn. Steve led the committee in prayer.
- III. The committee reviewed the balance sheet as of October 5, 2023. The balance sheet shows a balance of \$9,926.40 in the general checking account and \$6,170.33 in general savings. The new church building fund has a balance of \$-61,081.51, not reflecting a \$90,000.00 deposit from a withdrawal from the line of credit for the building project. With the deposit, the building fund stands at \$28,918.49. Currently there is a balance of \$508,932.20 in investments. The perpetual care account has a balance of \$186,732.41. Total assets to date are \$672,072.44.
- IV. Old Business:

Deacon Steve provided an update on the building project finances. As of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the total amount drawn on the \$500,000 line of credit is \$160,000.00. Remaining expected expenses are: Northwest Builders - \$66,125.19, R.J. Wolfgang - \$15,940.00 for refinishing of furniture and new tables and statue bases, and Willet-Hauser - \$65,529.40 for the stained-glass windows. Total of remaining expected expenses are \$147,594.59.

The Capital Campaign is doing well. With a goal of \$650,000.00, the parish has received \$870,389.46 in pledges, with \$702,078.16 paid as of October 5, 2023, (81%). The remaining balance to be paid is \$168,311.30.
- V. New Business:
  - 1.) Deacon Steve advised a request has been made for infant changing tables in the bathrooms in the new church building and in the men's bathroom of the parish hall. There is currently one infant changing table in the women's restroom in the hall. Deacon Steve communicated with both Lien & Peterson Architects and a representative from Catholic Mutual to inquire about any accessibility and liability issues related to the installation of changing tables in the restrooms. Both offered suggestions but did not offer any prohibitive

positions regarding installation. Deacon Steve reported the cost of purchasing three tables would be \$596.97 through Quill.

Motion made by Bob Boehm, second by Ryan Schug, and voted unanimously to purchase three infant changing tables from Quill.

- 2.) Deacon Steve reported that the refrigerator in the kitchen needs to be replaced. A quote was received from Rice Lake Refrigeration, LLC in the amount of \$5400.00 for a “true” brand high end two door refrigerator. The CCW and the Knights of Columbus have offered to split the cost of the new refrigerator.

Motion made by Ryan Schug, second by Bob Boehm, and voted unanimously, to purchase the refrigerator from Rice Lake Refrigeration, LLC with the CCW and Knights of Columbus to reimburse the parish for the cost.

- 3.) Deacon Steve reported that a lightning strike during a recent storm resulted in damage to the internet modem, a network switch, the recorder, and streamer unit used to livestream as well as other components used in our audio systems. The internet modem was replaced by Spectrum Communications and Deacon Steve ordered a replacement for the network switch and installed it. Audio Architects tested and determined issues with the remaining items and has submitted a quote in the amount of \$2,777.00 for repair and replacement. Deacon Steve advised he approved the quote from Audio Architects and has submitted a claim to Catholic Mutual for the damages sustained. Catholic Mutual advised they will reimburse us for the claim minus the \$1000.00 deductible.
- 4.) The committee discussed the request from a parishioner to purchase and/or lease the property formerly used by the Cumberland Youth Soccer Association for the purpose of farming. After much discussion, the committee agreed that leasing the property is the best option and would be of benefit to the parish as it would result in the need to maintain the property if no action was taken. Deacon Steve will reach out to the interested party and report back.
- 5.) Deacon Steve advised Kathy Turba raised the question of increasing the stipend for musicians. The current rate is \$40.00 per mass. While it sounds like a lot, there is much time and skill required for a person to play at mass, especially due to the parts of the mass which require specific knowledge of the mass. Pieces must be practiced and prepared beforehand, so it’s not just about the amount of time spent playing at mass. To encourage and interest new people to become musicians for our parishes the stipend needs to be increased. The stipend rate has been the same for over a decade. Deacon Steve recommended the rate be increased to \$80.00 per mass.

Motion by Bob Boehm, second by Ryan Schug, and voted unanimously to increase the mass stipend to \$80.00 per mass effective November 1, 2023.

- VI. Motion to adjourn made by Bob Boehm, second by Ryan Schug and voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting date: Thursday – April 4, 2024.

*Dcn. Steve Linton*  
*Parish Life Coordinator*