

Minutes of the St. Ann Pastoral & Finance Committee
Thursday, February 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
St. Ann Parish Center

Members Present: Craig Hohlfeld, Bill Madison, Carol Wozniak, Timothy Sollman, Paula Hellstern, and Teresa Nordell.

Absent: None

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Sollman.
- II. Deacon Steve Led the committee in prayer.
- III. The committees reviewed the minutes of the St. Ann Finance Committee meeting of November 3, 2022.

Motion by Tim Sollman, second by Paula Hellstern, and motion called. Motion was approved unanimously.

- IV. Deacon Steve provided the committees with a balance sheet from August 1, 2014, the day he assumed the role of Parish Life Coordinator. The balance sheet from that day showed a negative balance of \$-479.44 in the general checking and \$14,181.54 in the general savings account. Total Liabilities & Equity reflected a balance of \$49,799.35.

Deacon Steve then provided the committees with a balance sheet as of February 15, 2023. The balance sheet shows a balance of \$7,444.52 in the general checking and \$29,047.05 in the general savings account. The balance sheet also reflects a balance of \$30,152.51 in Investments with the Mission Diocese Fund. Total Liabilities & Equity as of February 15, 2023, is \$103,565.20.

Deacon Steve advised the reason for presenting the two balance sheets is to show significant progress St. Ann's has made in its financial position between August of 2014 and today. While the financial position of St. Ann's is still not great, it has vastly improved. As such, a renewed focus on parish life at St. Ann's would be the next step to bringing St. Ann's into a stronger faith filled position. The focus of the parish should move toward an attitude of Evangelization and renewing the use of the parish hall to support faith filled activities that encourage an active faith filled experience for parishioner's post Covid.

- V. Old business:
 - 1.) The committees discussed the future for the St. Ann Parish Center. Deacon Steve advised while the committees approved moving toward the sale of the center

some years back, he has been reluctant to move that forward because of the impact the loss of the center would have on parish life. Many groups still use the center, including the CCW and the Knights of Columbus, and is important to parish life to keep the facility open for funeral dinners and hosting the annual fall dinner. The preschool continues to rent the facility and that income has been helpful to the financial needs of the parish as well as being an asset to the community at large.

VI. New business:

- 1.) The committees discussed needed repairs and painting in the Church building. Tim Sollman has been in contact with Edge of Color from Cameron, WI about doing the work which involves repairing cracks, wrinkles in the paint, and water damage within the church that need repaired and painted. Tim provided a quote from Edge of Color for the work totaling \$3,969.00.

Motion by Paula Hellstern, second by Teresa Nordell, to approve the quote from Edge of Color in the amount of \$3,969.00 and proceed with the repair and painting. Motion was called and approved unanimously.

- 2.) The committees discussed the need to institute a rental agreement and set fees for use of the parish center given the number of groups who often use the facility. Deacon Steve advised the current practice is for groups to request permission and provide a good will offering for the use. Tim Sollman advised there as a previous agreement form and fees that were set when Fr. Dave Lusson was here. Deacon Steve advised he would investigate it we can discuss this again in the future.

- 3.) It was brought to the attention of Deacon Steve that the cluster parish website provides a pop-up page with directions to St. Anthony's in Cumberland, but not the other parishes. People have reported following directions to St. Anthony when they wanted to go to St. Ann. Deacon Steve advised this is a feature that is built into the website, but he will see if there is a way to expand or improve it.

VII. Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Madison and seconded by Paula Hellstern. Motion was called and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Dcn. Steve Linton
Parish Life Coordinator