

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
March 27, 2025, at 5:30pm
St. Bernard School Building**

Present: Fr. Roder, Becky Vonnahme, Joe Hinnners, Russ Riesenberger, Ann Schmitz, Kassie Wernimont, Joel Dentlinger, Julie Eich and Cindy Lawler

Absent: Erin Sundrup

Members arrived early to tour the St. Bernard school building to see the damage to the Parish office caused by water leaking in.

1. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Roder

2. Chairman Joe Behrens called the meeting to order at 5:57pm

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out via email on 2/28/25 to all council members.

There were no corrections or additions

Becky made a motion to approve the minutes.

Fr. Roder seconded the motion.

All approved.

4. Financial reports were sent to all council members on 3/25/25 via email.

a. There were no corrections or additions.

Ann made a motion to accept the financial reports

Janet seconded the motion.

All approved.

5. Old Business

a. St. Bernard school RFP

i. Becky shared that she had someone who was interested in looking at the building.

b. St. Bernard “Endowment”

i. Becky shared that she thinks now would be a good time to be proactive and change the by-laws of the “endowment”. She feels a provision to make the money available for the upkeep of the St. Bernard church if Good Shepherd would merge with another parish and St. Bernard church would close. This would show good faith to those who have donated to the Endowment.

ii. Joe agreed and added that he feels the money should be moved from Ameriprise to a local office.

- iii. Joel asked if all of the money would be used for church maintenance or would it be split between church maintenance and the Kuemper assessment. Becky stated that the money would also continue to be used for the Kuemper assessment for St. Bernard kids.
- iv. Becky offered to work on the language of the revised by-laws.

c. New doors and flooring at St. Augustine church

- i. Janet updated the Council on the work being done in the entry of the St. Augustine church.
 - 1. The doors have been ordered and will arrive in late April.
 - 2. They have begun taking out the tile flooring and new flooring should be in by next Friday, April 4th.
 - 3. Janet asked if something could be put in the bulletin about defraying the costs of the updates. Julie will put something in the bulletin under St. Augustine.
 - 4. Fr. Roder added that the renter of the St. Augustine rectory had let him know that the west storm door, next to the garage, had been damaged during a storm and was removed. Russ will look at that to see if a new door should be installed or if a storm door is really needed in that location.

d. St. John 150th Celebration

- i. Julie shared that there were 20 people at the last planning meeting. More people are willing to help with the celebration.
- ii. Julie asked if they could invite the new Bishop to the celebration. Fr. Roder said that would be fine.
- iii. Julie added that they are working on a map of where the activities will be located, and they have created a Facebook page and QR code for the celebration.

e. Security cameras at Sacred Heart

- i. The family of Marie Schreck donated \$1000 toward the new cameras.
- ii. Joe thought it would take between \$1500 and \$2000 to complete the project.
- iii. Joe will continue to work on this project.

f. Holy Angels Tuckpointing

- i. Father had shared earlier that the project resolution has been approved by the Diocese.
- ii. Father asked Cindy to reach out to C&D for a formal contract.
- iii. Russ said that C&D Masonry had let him know they would be starting the job in early spring instead of June. Russ asked that Cindy let Dustin Heino know at Catholic Mutual.

g. Carroll County Emergency Management

- i. CCEM has not reached back out to GSCP regarding use of its buildings during an emergency.

h. Cindy's retirement

- i. The council set April 4th as the final date to get applications turned into the office. Julie will put this in the bulletin.
- ii. Becky feels that the new person should be in the office more at first to build trust and a level of comfort before they work from home.
- iii. There was discussion on whether Fr. Roder would do the interviews alone or if someone should assist him. Fr. Roder would like 1-2 other people there to ask questions. Cindy offered to be there to answer questions regarding the position.
- iv. Interviews will be held the week of April 7th-10th.**
- v. So far there is only one applicant.

i. Development Director

- i. Megan Werden has started as the Development Director for GSCP and JPIL. Her office is in the office at St. Lawrence church in Carroll.
- ii. Megan plans to attend the next GSCP Finance Council meeting. Fr. Roder will let her know when and where the next meeting will be.

6. New Business

a. Parish office damage

- i. Options were considered for the office since it had to be relocated due to flooding.
 - 1. St. Bernard Rectory
 - a. Pros and Cons:
 - i. Not handicapped accessible
 - ii. The bookkeeper would have to use the upstairs bathroom
 - iii. Close but less private for Fr. Roder
 - iv. Could the weight of the safes holding the sacramental books be accommodated in the house or on the porch of the rectory?
 - 2. St. John's Rectory
 - a. Pros and Cons:
 - i. Further away from Fr. Roder
 - 3. Office space in downtown Breda
 - a. Pros and Cons:
 - i. Handicapped accessible and plenty of parking
 - ii. Already had an office in there before
 - iii. The weight of the safes would probably be okay in this location.
 - 4. Becky will talk to Leon Tiefenthaler about using his office space in downtown Breda.

b. Advertising in the program for the Bishop's ordination

- i. Fr. Roder shared that each parish was asked to advertise in the program at a cost of \$300 for the smallest ad.
 - 1. Someone suggested GSCP share an ad with JPIL and say something like, "Carroll County welcomes Bishop Kehner"

- ii. Fr. Roder added that there will already be a list of the parishes included in the program.

7. Upcoming events

- a. 4/4/25 Fish Fry in Templeton
- b. 4/13/25 Mass at St. Augustine with scholarships being presented afterwards and the Fireman's breakfast is that day.

8. Next meeting

- a. The next Council meeting will be held on April 23rd, 2025, at 6pm in the St. Augustine school gym.

Becky made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm

Joel seconded the motion.

All approved.

Fr. Roder closed the meeting with a prayer.

TASKS NEEDING TO BE COMPLETED

TASK	WHO NEEDS TO COMPLETE	DUE DATE TO COMPLETE
Revise language in SB "endowment" by-laws	Becky	By next meeting
Add to bulletin: Donations to defray costs for doors, etc. at St. Augustine Add a final date to when applications for bookkeeper need to be submitted	Julie	For the upcoming bulletin
Check need for new storm door at St. Augustine rectory	Russ	ASAP
Reach out to C&D Masonry for a formal contract	Cindy	ASAP
Let Dustin Heino know start time for Holy Angels tuckpointing	Cindy	ASAP
Complete interview(s) for bookkeeper	Fr. Roder	Between April 7th & 10th
Let Megan Werden know when and where next meeting will be	Fr. Roder	ASAP
Contact Leon Tiefenthaler about using office space	Becky	ASAP