

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 23, 2025, at 6:00pm**  
**St. Augustine School, Halbur, IA**

**Present:** Fr. Roder, Becky Vonnahme, Joe Behrens, Ann Schmitz, Janet Muhlbauer, Julie Eich, Cindy Lawler and Megan Werden

**Absent:** Erin Sundrup, Joel Dentlinger, Kassie Wernimont and Russ Riesenberg

**1. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Roder**

**2. Chairman Joe Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**

- a. Joe asked Megan to introduce herself to the group and explain what she has been doing so far as the new Development Director for Good Shepherd and St. John Paul II. Members of the group also introduced themselves to Megan.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting** were sent out via email on 4/11/25 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 4/21/25 via email.

- a. There were no corrections or additions.
- b. Cindy shared that she is currently working on the 2025-26 budget, she plans to have the first draft prepared for the next meeting.
  - i. The approved budget, along with the minutes of the meeting in which the budget is approved, needs to be sent to the Diocese by July 1, 2025.

**Becky made a motion to accept the financial reports**

**Fr. Roder seconded the motion**

**All approved**

**5. Old Business**

**a. St. Bernard school RFP**

- i. Becky shared that there is a promising buyer for the school. The buyer hopes to turn the building into 20 apartments.
- ii. Becky is working with the buyer on finding funding/grants for the project as well as tax breaks.

**b. St. Bernard "Endowment"**

- i. Neither Becky nor Fr. Roder have talked to anyone about the endowment.

**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 installation of the new flooring has been completed.
2. The doors have been ordered and will arrive in late April.
3. Janet asked if the note in the bulletin for help in defraying costs related to the floor and doors could stay in the bulletin for now.
  - a. Julie will ensure it stays in the bulletin under St. Augustine.
4. Russ did look at that storm door going into the garage of the rectory, but since Russ wasn't at the meeting there was no report on what was done/needs to be done.

**d. St. John 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

- i. Julie shared that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**e. Security cameras at Sacred Heart**

- i. An additional \$800 has been donated toward the project since last month.
- ii. Joe will continue to work on this project, but nothing will be done until summer.

**f. Holy Angels Tuckpointing**

- i. The project is scheduled to begin this month.

**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. An interview has been held. Fr. Roder plans to talk to the applicant about options for employment: 30 hours with insurance vs. 20 hours with a higher rate of pay.

**6. New Business**

- a. Parish office damage
  - i. The office is currently in another classroom in the St. Bernard School and that is working out well.
  - ii. Steven Berger will be coming to Breda to update the computers and set up the computer for the new trainee.
- b. Breda telephone shares
  - i. The council decided to wait until November to revisit the idea of selling shares.

**7. Upcoming events**

- a. May 7, 2025, there will be a May Crowning in the Mary Nieland Center in the St. Bernard school
- b. June 14, 2025, there will be a Patriotic Mass at Holy Angels church led by the area Legions.
  - i. Fr. Schrad will be celebrating Mass that day.

**8. Next meeting**

- a. The next Council meeting will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6pm at St. John's.

**Fr. Roder closed the meeting with a prayer.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Cindy Lawler, Admin. Asst.**