

The NOTRE DAME FINANCE COUNCIL

April 8, 2025

The Notre Dame Finance Council met on April 8, 2025. The regular quarterly meeting was called to order by Maryln Shores. Father lead the finance committee in the opening prayer. Roll call was taken. Members present: Maryln Shores, Greg Prochaska, Pat Pinter, Kyle Teeling and Fr. Jacob Rouse. Members absent were Darin Ferrie and Tom Crouch. The minutes from the January 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved by Greg Prochaska and seconded by Pat Pinter.

Buildings and grounds: The building and grounds report and the pastor's report were combined into one report. The building and grounds committee have a list of to do's for the church and school. This to do list will be revisited every meeting until the project is completed. The list includes:

- bell carillon replacement - \$12,000 quote,
- parking lot concrete - \$100,000 quote,
- school building stucco will be done this spring and will be paid for through the Merle Schmitz fund,
- west stained glass window that is leaking – no quote yet,
- playground fence replacement – no quote yet,
- skid loader is done,
- solar panels are being discussed further after the energy audit was completed – no quote yet and
- roofing of the church - \$250,000 quote.

Notre Dame School: Cathy Walz, Superintendent, and Mindy Hart, Regional Superintendent, both from the Archdiocese of Dubuque were at the school board meeting on March 12, 2025. Cathy Walz gave a presentation on the mission and vision of school system. There is an Operational Vitality Minimum Expectations Rubric that is being used all throughout the Archdiocese. Kyle presented the Winter tracking meeting results. These results show where Notre Dame is currently sitting with the Archdiocese expectations. The teacher contracts have been handed out. The school board has added a benefits package that will be more competitive with other schools. The topic of bringing 6th grade back was discussed, but probably not a possibility at this time. ESA, educational savings account, was also discussed, wondering if it is something we can count on. With the increased income from ESA, the school board has increased expenses. If the ESA goes away, the school will probably not be viable. ESA needs to stay.

Parish and School Income/Expense: Financial reports were reviewed. We are at 75% of the church year. The parish income is 73% of the budget. The year-to-date expenses are 74.86% of the budget. The school income is 91.33% of the budgeted amount and the expenses are at 75.24%. The financials were approved with a motion by Greg and seconded by Pat. The budget was reviewed and approved with a motion by Grey and seconded by Maryln.

Pastor Report: The report was given with the building and grounds report.

Miscellaneous: There are 3 members whose terms are ending this year, 2025. Three new members are needed, any ideas on who could join Finance Council, let Father know. Thank you to Tom Crouch, Greg Prochaska and Maryln Shores for serving on Finance Council for 2 terms.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pat and seconded by Greg.

Next quarterly meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the **St. Joseph Room**.

Respectfully submitted, Mindy Jones, Recording Secretary