

## All Saints/Holy Trinity Finance Meeting

October 19 2023

Attendance: Father Xavier, Jody A, Jeff V, Rebecca W, Michelle K, Colleen S, Barb W, Katie W, Carl N, Karen P, Alex S, Jessica P

Opening Prayer: Jessica led the group in Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Open Forum: Nothing

Review/Approve meeting minutes of August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> meetings:

One correction – Alex asked that the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting be updated as the window under review to be updated is 90 years old versus what was previously recorded.

Carl made motion to accept the meeting minutes with this one correction; Jody seconded the motion. All in favor.

Finance Report: Offertory comparison from July – September 2023 is down about 1% compared to same time frame as last year. Sacrificial giving during same time period is down about 10%. Only approximately \$5800 is collected via EFT – rest is dependent upon offertory collection. This could affect our cash flow down the road.

Checking account is showing great gains but this is due to the columbarium deposits being added to the account. This will eventually decrease once expenses are paid for the columbarium.

Fall Festival numbers are not finalized – but raffle ticket sales were down compared to last year.

BINGO is off to a good start.

Computer – Alex requested permission to obtain a new laptop. The desktop unit he has been using has aged out. Jody made motion for Alex to pursue obtaining a new laptop up to \$1000. Carl seconded the motion. All in favor.

Maintenance Report: Stained Glass Update – Diocese approved the lower amount (\$57,013). Most of the window will be taken out – moved to the lab – lead replaced. Work to begin early 2024 – and will take a few months. There are funds available in the rainy day fund to cover the cost. A history of the window will be provided to parishioners in a bulletin insert, requesting donations to replenish the rainy day fund.

School Wall Update – project started this past Monday. Rainy weather has delayed contractor coming back to finish.

Front Entrance Leak – contractor was back to look at it. Put in some sealant but still leaking. Contractor doing a more in-depth investigation. Still work in

progress with Deacon Dave overseeing – as this should be covered under warranty.

Front Door Entrance – locking mechanism fixed.

Door at School – Exit bar was able to be fixed; no replacement needed.

Van Oss Electric – has been working on replacing lights. They still need to replace the 3 lights in the school gym.

Cemetery Update: Footings poured for columbarium; unit coming in over winter/early Spring; flatwork to be done early Spring.

Jeff has been in contact w/ the Mleziva family regarding their concern with the grass trimming in the cemetery. Due to the time of the year, Jeff will address this next Spring when lawn cutting resumes. Should be an easy fix.

Faith Formation: Jessica provided updates on Religious Education, Five Alive practices, Baptismal preparations, upcoming marriages, annulment, and adult confirmation. Jessica is on the committee to organize/facilitate the Thanksgiving Meal for the community of Denmark and the surrounding areas. If interested in helping, contact Jessica.

Youth Ministry: Two youth nights so far, hoping for increased participation, will have a night just for middle school students, will combine HS and MS later on. National Mark a Difference Day is October 28, 2023. Contact Carl if interested in helping. HS Summer 2024 mission trip to Jenkins, Kentucky. MS Summer 2024 mission trip still in the planning stages. Fundraising under consideration at this time.

Holy Trinity: Shared expense percentage – need to re-evaluate. Should be done annually and it's been a good number of years since.

Contact information for Carl and Katie should be added to bulletin – Alex will address.

Carl is working with Molly Johnson to obtain an estimate on what the cost would be to clean up the statues at Holy Trinity. May need to use some 1x1 campaign funds – or seek out donations. Carl will let group know when he has a dollar estimate.

Father Xavier: Diocese has been in contact with Father and Jody to discuss financial controls. We have adequate controls in place but could be doing better. Father and Jody will meet with Parish Staff to discuss. Father and the Finance Chair should be signing off on every invoice.

Parish Council and Finance Council have been meeting as one for quite some time. Need to address the other groups /committees in the parish – and have them rotate in – and quarterly give update on their respective areas. We need to have better understanding of all areas.

October 26, 2023 is the Disciples on the Way event in Appleton from 8am – 3:15pm.

All Saints Day mass – Father will be at Glenmore; a Norbertine priest will be at All Saints.

November 7, 2023 – Diocese would like to meet with Father, Carl, Katie, and Michelle at 6pm in the Parish Office.

Father's niece will be coming to visit and stay with Father from November 9 -30, 2023. Please welcome her during her stay.

December 24, 2023 is the 4<sup>th</sup> mass of Advent. The evening mass will be for Christmas Eve.

School Board: Lisa has been doing observations with the teachers.

Advertising the school and church – not a banner. Looking for something more like a wooden sign. Where else can handouts be put out for folks to take? Marlene Wenzlaff's name was offered for the school board from Holy Trinity.

Annual Meeting: Now that the school audit is complete, November 18<sup>th</sup> after the 4pm mass will be the annual meeting. Alex will follow up w/ Vickie at Stark to obtain a priest replacement for mass so he can attend the annual meeting.

Father will be holding Anointing of the Sick the weekend of November 18/19, 2023.

Alex has been working on the history of All Saints Parish. Vocation weekend is November 4/5, 2023. Care ministry is offering a gathering to recognize Father Xavier and his road to the priesthood after the 4pm mass.

Next meeting: November 16, 2023 @ 6pm

Meeting ended 7:30pm w/ motion by Jeff Van Rens, second by Carl Nelson.