

Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHURCH, NEVIS

January 12, 2023

Members Present: Father Tony Fernando, Bob DeCrans, Theora Goodrich, Terry Lenz, and Connie Walz. Kathy Nagel was absent.

1. Opening Prayer: Prayer for “Good Counsel”

2. Minutes of September 15, 2022 were approved as read (Walz, DeCrans)

3. Reports:

3.1 Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting: The upcoming Eucharistic Revival programs in our parishes were presented in details.

3.2 Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting: The Cemetery Committee is creating a new Burial Registry. It will involve 3 copies of information: one copy will be with the Sexton, another with the purchaser in the form of burial certificates and the parish office will hold the electronic versions of these information.

3.3 Minutes of the Liturgy Committee: Lenten and Summer Liturgies were discussed by the members of the Liturgy Committee.

4. New Business:

4.1 Proposed Eucharistic Revival Program in our Parishes

There will be three main activities this year: Exposition/ Adoration of the Eucharist on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:00 PM starting from March 1st. This will be open to all, with Confirmation students joining after class at 7:45. During Lent on every other Friday, there will be Biblical Stations of the Cross with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. On Corpus Christi Sunday (June 11) there will be a short procession around Nevis after the 10:30 mass. Discussion was held regarding refreshments in the parish hall after the procession and funding of materials, pamphlets, etc. needed for these events.

4.2 Formation of Eucharistic Missionary Team

The present members of Missionary Promotion Team will act as the core group of Eucharistic Missionary Team. There are four members from OLP and two from St. Theodore's in this Team. Other Parishioners will be invited to join the Team and various formation programs will be offered to them. Father Tony has written a grant for materials need for the formation program.

4.3 Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, July 20-24, 2024

All parishes are asked to reserve the number of tickets we need for Eucharistic Congress. There are 8 parishioners likely to attend this Congress. The Finance Council agreed to support the registrants with some financial assistance.

4.4 Update on Seminarians Fund, DAA & Perfect Fit Campaign

Father Tony informed that OLP gave \$3500 to the Seminarian Fund in 2022, and in the past three years it has given a total of \$12,000.

Perfect Fit Campaign is still on. The chancery has not been sold yet and the proceeds will be added to the Perfect Fit finances. Six of Confirmation students have gone to Diocesan Pastoral Center for retreats that was purchased out of Perfect Fit Campaign.

The 2024 DAA will begin in February. Last year, we met our funding goal. Our portion will probably higher this year. As before, we will take a second collection in the weekend of July 4th.

4.5 Finalizing the Fundraisers Request from Different Organizations of the Church

The Finance Council finalized the fundraising requests from our parish organizations giving requesting groups three fundraisers each. The secretary will send a letter to the groups with directions on holding their fundraisers.

5. Presentation of Second Quarter Financial Statements (Oct.22-Dec.22)

5.1 Of note, the Cemetery Committee received the most money from memorials, sold two new lot, and made cemetery cleaning a community event.

5.2 Of note, the Hospitality Committee's Financials now include the Quilting Committee, which has become financially independent with their fundraisers for quilting materials, etc.

5.3 Of note and concern, The Haiti Committee newly introduced a column in their accounting for "non-sponsored" students paid by anonymous persons / committee.

5.4 Of note, the Hospitality Committee is spending more on Sunday Hospitality and Funerals Lunches due to buying prepared food and not using homemade items as in the past.

5.5 Parish Finance Statements show that cost of Insurance and electricity bills are becoming more expensive. Father Tony noted that half of our income comes from our visitors.

6. Others

Roof issues were discussed and we will work on them in the spring.

7. The next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Theora Goodrich

Secretary