

# Finance Council Minutes

**St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour / August 19, 2025**

**Present:** Father Sengole, Paula Helms, Kevin Reese, Debbie Rusch, Dan VanBoxtel, Sue Keysers, Karen Reed, Lee Rynish, Andy Patz and Margie Marcks

**Absent:** Dennis Dercks

Meeting began in prayer.

Minutes from the May 6 meeting were approved by Debbie Rusch, seconded by Dan VanBoxtel.

New Members to the Finance Committee – Sue Keysers and Karen Reed were welcomed.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE** – New tractor received in May and is performing very well. There was talk of a Memory Garden in the cemetery; committee is going through the bylaws and rules. Wind Chimes and Shepherd Hooks may be eliminated.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT**

**Building & Grounds Committee** – A subcommittee of John Carter, Andy Patz and Mike Lee, who reports directly to the Finance Committee regarding all future projects and upkeep of St. John's, has been established. Committee meets every other month and has been tasked to do a full report on getting the school and church updated to today's standards – in conjunction with the proposal for Phase 3 – as well the next 20 years. Andy Patz read a letter from John Carter outlining their plans for the upcoming year and asking for direction from the Finance Council.

**Home Schooler Group** – Group is scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year and will be starting September 8. Schedule runs every other Monday through next May. Donation rate for the group will remain the same of last year.

**Church Furnace/Air Conditioning** – Robinson Heating has completed all work on the air conditioning for the church. Of the \$15,000 approved for the project, only \$4000 was spent.

**Parking Lot Resealing** – Quotes for the resealing were received from the Wolf River Asphalt/Sealcoating and the Asphalt Seal/Repair Companies. Cost is similar. The season for sealcoating ends at the beginning of October – weather dependent. Dan VanBoxtel made a motion to move forward to issuing a contract with Asphalt Seal/Repair; Kevin Reese seconding it. Along with the parking lot, work needs to be done on the north church entrance (off of Ivory Street) and the sidewalk by the parish office – to take away trip hazards. The resealing, will last 15-20 years, when maintained.

**Roof on School** – There is a roof leak on the south end of the school. Jack Carter identified and repaired two holes in the rubber layer. There is at least one more. The tree removal from the front of the school should help with water leaking on the roof. Osborn Roof was contacted to assess current roof condition for repair needs, life expectancy and replacement cost estimate. Osborn has been here five times, but no bill yet. Lee will keep Council informed of information as it becomes available.

## **Discussion on the following:**

**Fire Proof Cabinet** – Council approved purchase of a FireKing Turtle Vertical 2 Drawer (legal and letter) Fire Safe for the Parish Office.

**Gym Rental** – A Dance Club (not affiliated with the school or church) has requested usage of the gym. In order to grant this request, the parish needs a certificate of insurance from the club, along with the rent of \$60 per usage – which will help with utilities and janitorial expenses for the 37 times the gym will be used this upcoming school year.

The Finance Council approved placing a \$125 ad in the Compass for Father Dillenburg's 60 years of faithful service.

### **Finance Update**

Paula Helms reported that money-wise, we are currently fine, but each year, we cannot cover our operating expenses. We have Restricted Funds, which can only be used for the items specified. More people are needed in the pews – support will follow.

St. John's Annual Meeting Dates are October 18 and 19. Dan VanBoxtel will get a report out listing contributions a week before the meeting.

**Green Bay Diocese Website** – For a one-time setup fee of \$999, plus \$49.95 per month, the Diocese is offering a website to the parishes. This cost covers:

- Beautiful, unique design
- Content transfer
- Drag-and-drop options
- Live, easy editing
- Multilingual solutions
- Unlimited web pages
- Unlimited storage
- Advanced code-editing
- Ongoing support
- No hidden fees or support charges

Dan VanBoxtel made a motion to go with the customer-funded website of \$999, plus \$49.95/month; Sue Keyzers seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Dan VanBoxtel to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Karen Reed.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**. Closing Prayer.