

Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting
September 24, 2025
Joint Parish Center – 12:00 PM

Attendees: Rick Vanden Boogart Tony Vosters Mark Tetzlaff
 Cheryl Van Toll Fr. Luke Ferris Lance Goetzman
 Dennis Bowers Tammy Schmahl Justin Collins
 Jane Vanden Boogart – taking minutes

Guests: None

Excused: None

1. **Opening prayer** – Fr. Luke
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Consensus reached on approval of the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes, August 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the minutes.
4. **Approval of Financial Reports, August 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the financial reports.
 - Still seeing a drop in sacrificial giving.
 - Would be helpful to know the number of contributing families we have in the parish. Cheryl will work on it.
 - Holy Cross Endowment fund = \$20,000
 - 450.104 Unrestricted Memorials – Suggestion: We could take some of the money that is given as memorials and put it into an endowment fund.
 - Expenses – salaries are in range.
 - 615 – Workers Comp Insurance – When budgeted, the amount is divided by 12 but the expense comes in twice a year.
 - 815.201 – Cost of the school water heater system replacement.
 - 995.601 – New tractor for the cemetery.
 - 725 – Computer Expenses – need new routers and some new computers for Windows upgrades. Asking if we can look at computers that aren't top of the line but still work on our network.
 - 412.301 – Discipleship Tuition – Registrations are done but it takes a while to get the money from the company that handles the registrations and payments.
5. **Raffle Information - Cheryl**
 - History:
 - 2022 – Holy Cross only – 1336+ tickets sold, \$65,910 income, \$43,400 expenses, \$22,510 profit
 - 2023 – Joint parish raffle – 2069 tickets sold, \$52,235 income, \$ 12,924 expenses, \$39,542 profit
 - 2024 – Joint parish raffle – 1678 tickets sold, \$54,250 income, \$24,775 expenses, \$29,474 profit
 - We will see the results of this year's Oktoberfest and raffle and see if we want to think about doing something differently in the future.
6. **Buildings & Grounds (B&G)**
 - Cemetery
 - Nothing to report.
 - School

- Mr. Mulloy would like to attend one of our meetings and talk with us about how the subsidy we give to the school is used.
- Number of students is slightly less than they had hoped but same as last year.
- They have a wish list of repairs. They suggested having a separate B&G committee for the school but that idea was not approved.
- Other – Tuckpointing
 - Greenwood Construction Management would like to meet with us and talk through their proposal. Tentative plan is to meet with them on Tue., Sept. 30, 1:00 PM, in the Holy Cross Narthex.
 - Hoffman Planning, Design, and Construction would also like to propose their plan for the project.

7. Any other business

- Annual Parish Meeting – Tammy
 - Holy Cross – Sat., Nov. 1 after 4:30 Mass – Must have the chairman of the Finance Council and a trustee present.
 - SKD – Sun., Nov. 9 after 10:30 Mass – have the meeting and the drawing for the joint parish raffle.
- School shooting:
 - We are locking the church doors 5 minutes after the start of any school Masses.
 - Want to train ushers to watch for things that may be red flags and also train them in first aid, CPR, clean up if there’s a mess, etc.
 - We have AEDs in the church and by the gym in the school. School wants to get another one they can put closer to the playground.
 - School did active shooter training.
 - School has cameras all over and we have them at the church entrances.

8. NEXT MEETING – Oct. 29, noon, Joint Parish Center

9. Closing Prayer – Mark Tetzlaff

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM. Consensus reached to close the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 – meetings are at noon in the Joint Parish Center.

Oct. 29 Nov. 26? Dec.-no mtg.