

**Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting**  
**October 29, 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** – Add an update on Oktoberfest. Consensus reached on approval of the agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, September 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the minutes.
- 4. Approval of Financial Reports, September 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the financial reports.
  - September sacrificial giving picked up but the year to date is still behind last year.
  - The school water heater had to be replaced and is included in the Sept. financial reports. The water softener also had to be replaced and will be reflected in the Oct. financial reports.
  - Account 745.180 – Christmas books: This expense was covered by grant money we received years ago. That fund is almost depleted.
- 5. Annual Meeting – Nov. 1 after 4:30 Mass**
  - Fr. Luke will ask Sue Van Nuland if they can put on a dinner for the meeting.
  - Income looks really good but doesn't tell the whole story. We still have the loan from the diocese we have to pay at some point.
  - Employee Retention Credit is in account 975.101 – \$158,811.73.
  - one by One Campaign money will continue to come in but will be used for further building maintenance projects.
  - Account 451 – Restricted Donations-Current Yr – donations from parishioners for specific things.
  - We will walk through the expenses to help people understand the cost of doing business.
  - 453 – Service Organization Revenue – probably Scrip income – Why is last year so low? Cheryl will look into it.
  - Rick will give an overview. HVAC is complete and paid. People stepped up and made it happen. School expenses – water heater and water softener. Repairs of the tower.
- 6. Buildings & Grounds (B&G)**
  - Cemetery
    - Nothing to report.
  - School
    - Good deal on the water softener. Thank you, Tony! Fr. Luke will write a TY note to them.
  - Other – Tuckpointing
    - Mark had a conversation with Hoffman who will provide a proposal the week of Nov. 10.
    - Have not heard from Consolidated – Mark will reach out to them to see if they are going to quote.

- Diocese requires two quotes for big projects.
- Greenwood quote is incomplete. They broke down hours but some are open ended. They included the budgeted amount for the project but not the amount for their project management fee. Tammy will forward their proposal to all of us.
- We will invite Hoffman and Greenwood to a meeting of the Finance Council and Buildings & Grounds Committee to walk us through their plans – Nov. 20, 1:00, Holy Cross Narthex. Mark will schedule it with them.

**7. Any other business**

- Oktoberfest – net profit is approx. \$56,000 (last year was \$57,000)
- Fewer people at Mass this year. Music in church is loud.
- Suggestions for next year:
  - Do some type of game competitions
  - Think of some different games? Cheryl V. has a connection with the people who supply game machines to bars.
  - Magician was a big hit a few years ago.
  - Caricaturist – People seem to enjoy it and it keeps people at the event. Oktoberfest paid the \$150 deposit, Shelley & Jim Smrecek paid the rest of his expenses.
- Doing a thank you dinner on Nov. 4, 5:30, Mark’s East Side, for the Steering Committee members and spouses.

**8. NEXT MEETING – Nov. 20, 1:00, Holy Cross Narthex**

**9. Closing Prayer – Mark Tetzlaff**

**10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM. Consensus reached to close the meeting.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE 2025/26 – meetings are at noon in the Joint Parish Center.**

Nov. 20	Jan. 28	Mar. 25	May 27	Jul.-no mtg.	Sep. 22	Nov. 25?
Dec.-no mtg.	Feb. 25	Apr. 22	Jun. 24	Aug. 26	Oct. 28	Dec.-no mtg.