

Minutes
St. John the Evangelist Parish
Finance Committee Meeting
June 12, 2019

Start time: 6:00 pm – Parish Hall

Present: Fr. Joe MacCarthy, Steve Kerwin, Chuck Mountain, Charlie Keefe, John Kent, Maureen Kent.

Absent: Mike Bennett

Opening Prayer

Fr. Joe opened the meeting with a prayer.

Financial and Miscellaneous Issues

Fr. Joe talked about various ways he intends to reduce costs:

- Oil tanks- The oil tanks in the church need replacing at the cost of \$10,000.00. Fr. Joe will ask parishioners for donations to this need.
- Landscaping – Discontinuation of Cambridge Landscaping with a savings of \$1,295 per month. Continuation of snow removal in a separate agreement. Regarding snow removal, there was discussion about excessive salt and sand.
- Steve Kerwin reported that this year's deficit will run about \$70,000 to \$73,000.
- Increased renting of the Parish Hall after funerals, etc. The committee suggested a rental fee of \$200 plus janitorial costs.
- Fr. Joe would like the Christmas Party to take place in the Rectory or the Parish Hall. He would prefer the Rectory.
- Golf Tournament – Charlie Keefe suggested organizing a golf tournament as a fund-raising event and mentioned that Fr. Joe should talk with David Kale. Charlie Keefe also made a suggestion that the golf tournament be followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.
- Standard successful fund-raisers are: Turkey Shoot, Christmas Fair, and \$10,000 Drawing.

- Parish Council – Fr. Joe will name new people to the Parish Council.
- Steve Kerwin also brought up the subject of tithing. Steve is in favor of tithing rather than the many extra envelopes we all receive. There would be some second collection envelopes remaining, but tithing would help with others.
- Secretary is working on pruning the mailing of envelopes for people no longer contributing.
- Finance Committee Meetings will be more frequent. Tuesdays at 6:00 pm seems to be a good time for the FC members. Fr. Joe will schedule some future meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Kent
6/17/19