

St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Joint Finance-Council Meeting

17 February 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Fr. Matt Settle
Mark Cheslock, Chair, SM
Larry Konetzke, Chair, SJ
Tom Michalkiewicz, Treasurer Trustee, SJ
Richard DeKleyn, Member, SM
Jane Julius, Member, SJ
Terry Stinski, Member, SJ
Bob Streck, Member, SM
Dan Unruh, Member, SJ
Bill Walsh, Member, SM

Steve Siegel, Business Manager, (non-voting)
Barb Stinski, parishioner, SJ (non-voting)
Anne Hoernke, Secretary Trustee, SM (non-voting)

Excused: Chad Romzek, Treasurer Trustee, SM
Stan Martinson, Member, SJ
Chris VanderHeyden, Member, SJ

Introductory matters

Meeting convened at 6:01

Opening Prayer

Approvals

January joint meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Bill Walsh, seconded by Mark Cheslock.

St. Mary January breakout meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Streck, seconded by Richard DeKleyn.

St. John November breakout meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Jane Julius, seconded by Tom Michalkiewicz.

Financials

Approvals

St. Mary financials approved unanimously on a motion by Richard DeKleyn, seconded by Bill Walsh.

St. John financials approved unanimously on a motion by Jane Julius, seconded by Tom Michalkiewicz.

Fundraising

RaiseRight app training meeting took place on 2/16. It was a very good meeting but had only three attendees. We might try to make a Facebook video to further inform people how to use it or consider future meeting after Mass.

Golf scramble: 10 teams are signed up. Would need 10 more to make full \$3,000.

Cash raffle tickets now available (800 tickets again)

Square credit card terminal is active. Steve has tested. Seems to only have (2.66% + 15¢) per transaction fee, as advertised.

Parish Support

Parish support is positive at both parishes, both year-over-year, and with regard to budget following the first collection in February.

Personnel

Musician

Have had four interviews. The most recent looks very promising, with a musician very interested in and experienced with choirs. We are also talking to an organist.

Youth Ministry

Fr. Settle, Steve, and Bethany attended the five-parish trustee meeting and pitched having two full-time youth ministers, one covering the Neenah parishes and public schools and the other Menasha's, bringing all the students together for events; failing that, they proposed a single, full-time youth-event coordinator. Fr. Settle will meet with the other pastors and discuss the situation.

Other business

Five-year plans

Need to balance capital improvements and ministerial needs, insofar as they can be foreseen. Transparency between the parishes is welcome in order to allow each to take advantage of initiatives the other is working on.

Dynamic Welcoming Plan

Will be introduced at an open leadership meeting on March 3, at 5:30. It will attempt to kick off a long-term cultural initiative to encourage connectedness across seven areas of parish life.

The meeting convened at 7:24 on a motion by Larry Konetzke, seconded by Dan Unruh, and unanimously approved.