

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

25 November 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Excused: Jane Julius, Member, SJ

Introductory matters

Meeting convened 6:05

Presentation of parishes' joint mission statement from Pastoral Council:

Our mission is to encounter the Body of Christ and to proclaim Jesus, the Word of God, Who has come so that all may have life in abundance. Our vision is to be a vibrant Catholic church by taking on the loving heart of our blessed mother, Mary, and the missionary spirit of St. John the Baptist.

Pastoral council establishing “pillars” and tools to evaluate how our actions are compliant with the mission statement, as a welcoming community fulfilling the mission.

Opening Prayer

Approvals

October joint meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Stan Martinson, seconded by Bob Streck.

St. John September breakout meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Larry Konetzke, seconded by Tom Michalkiewicz.

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

Financials

Approvals

St. Mary financials approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Streck, seconded by Bill Walsh.

St. John financials approved unanimously on a motion by Stan Martinson, seconded by Terry Stinski.

Scrip

The *Incense & Nonsense* video at Pick 'N' Save was the most-viewed episode yet. The educational meeting will take place after the holidays, given the busy schedule, most likely in January.

This is the first month we're below last year's, but last year's November was unusual, spiking because of our marketing effort. Last weekend >\$21K. \$6K over average. Tracking towards \$70K, behind last year's \$80K. The office getting questions about how to participate, hence the video and the coming meeting.

The Square credit-card terminal has not arrived yet.

12/6-7 Trustee talk

The proposed outline of bulletin letter was discussed. It was agreed to add the expenses of new IT position to expenses. (see below).

Other matters

Information Technology

The school system has hired Andrés Muñoz for additional IT support, which includes the five parishes' IT infrastructure. As agreed, the five parishes will split 50% of his salary. SM/SJ have been apportioned an annual cost of \$6,891.35, based on parish support. Because our system is used equally, it was agreed to divided this 50:50 between the parishes. The amount is not necessarily final, as there was some discussion among business managers about how to split it, but it is likely, as most of the parishes didn't object to the split. The total amount is well below what the parishes approved last month.

Youth Ministry

Fr. Settle met with the five-parish pastors' meeting and presented our vision of a combined youth ministry in order to achieving the critical mass needed to have a successful broad-based program. We hired Taylor with a Menasha emphasis, covering Menasha High School, Menasha Middle School, and St. Mary Catholic Schools. We believe one person is incapable of covering both Menasha and Neenah, and in a five-parish system we and St. Patrick would cover the Menasha minister, and St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary would cover a parallel Neenah position (which would also include SMCS). There was conceptual agreement among pastors, without discussing any finances, however. St. Gabriel in the process of posting an upper-grade Faith Formatino and youth-ministry position, which might be adapted to the vision.

Five-Year Planning

Issues raised for planning included staffing, facilities, the relationship to the school system, fundraising, budgeting, etc.

The meeting convened at 7:11, prior to both parishes' conducting breakout sessions, on a motion by Stan Martinson, seconded by Tom Michalkiewicz, and unanimously approved.