

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Finance Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Ryan Harpole, Bayne Million, Kathy Kemp, Steve Thornton, John Winstead, and Chris Vowels

Members Absent: None

Guests: Sharon Luster

Call to Order

Father Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with an opening prayer.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The first item on the agenda was a review of the January 19, 2026 meeting minutes as prepared by Chris Vowels. With no further discussion or corrections, Kathy Kemp made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Steve Thornton. The Council unanimously approved the January meeting minutes.

Review of Financial Statements

The Council next reviewed the February 2026 financial statements and notes prepared by Sharon Luster, Finance Director.

At the end of February, the Parish had \$472k in its general funds, \$106k in Renew funds, and \$186k in the restricted endowment fund. Other notable items from the February financial statements included:

- Renew 2 Loan – Balance currently at \$395k
- Grant Income – Received \$1k for BG Catholics group
- One-Time Expenses – About \$1.4k paid for gifts for approximately 60 volunteers

Following a motion from Ms. Kemp and a second from Mr. Thornton, the Council unanimously approved the February financial statements.

Renew / DeVries Office Building Update

- The DeVries building has been demolished.
- The Marian shrine expansion will be starting in the next week or so, with completion in approximately a couple of months. The revised plan is to add a Marian grotto, similar to the one at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.

Chesterton Academy Update

- An open house event will be held at the Parish office on April 22 at 7:30 pm.
- Enrollment efforts, interviews, fundraising, and faculty hiring underway.
- A joint fundraising dinner for the Academy and celebration of Fr. Ryan's 15-year ordination anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 30.

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Other Business

- Ray Purk, CFO for the Diocese, will be retiring this year, and a replacement search is underway.
- There has been no update on the ERC split between school and Diocese
- A mural will be painted at the student entrance of the Parish office at a cost of approximately \$7k.

Next Meeting Date

The Finance Council set its next meeting for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the rectory.

Adjourn

With there being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Vowels
Secretary