

St. Patrick Finance Council
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025 5:30 PM – Commons

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Marilyn

Meeting attendance: Gary Winterhof, Erin Lyons, Marilyn Voorhees, Justin Krieger, Buck Kerndt, Molly Lahart, and Kathy Butler

Absent: David DeMoss, Brock Krejchi, Fr. Ivan

The Finance Council prayed their opening prayer

Review and correct/approve minutes from October 14, 2025 meeting

A motion was made by Erin and seconded by Buck to approve the October minutes. Motion passed with all “ayes”

Catholic School Board Update

Update on the School from Molly

- School has a Spanish teacher hired and will start in January 2026. Students now have a study hall at their normal Spanish class time. Grades 5-8 have access to Duolingo online.
- Scrip – Trying to advertise it more. Molly reviewed how the program works. It has been used for tuition. Now they can use it for lunch accounts, activity fees, daycare, or just let the whole profit go back to the school. Others who use Scrip can designate it to a family – for example: Molly’s mom uses it, and Molly’s family gets the credit.
- Still looking for a 5/6 grade aid – advertised on Facebook but has not found anyone yet.

Review of School Financial Statements and Related Reports

- **Balance Sheet:** Marilyn had a question on the balance sheet about the leftover Covid money. She wondered which revenue account he moved it to, so she might send an email to Jon Wiebers for clarification.

Mr. Wiebers response: **Since the COVID funds were to support the daycare, we moved the COVID to the daycare funds. It was moved to the Preschool Daycare Miscellaneous Income and Preschool Miscellaneous Income.**

• **Income Statement:** Liked Mr. Wiebers summary sheet and highlights at the end. The account showing the parish subsidy – Custodial (4115-0211-00) should be reflected in the Parish Subsidy (4115-0210-00) An email will be sent to Jon.

Mr. Wiebers response: **We will leave the custodial in the line item for this year since that was how we received it from the church. Next year that line will be eliminated.**

• **ESAs:** Has been a huge amount of income up front, therefore, the income balance will be going down until the next big payment from the state of Iowa in December/January.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Erin to approve the School Reports. Motion passed with all “ayes”

Review of Church Financial Statements and Related Reports

• Marilyn had sent Justin some questions in an email before tonight’s meeting. They are listed below with Justin’s answers:

1. *Balance Sheet, Liabilities: Spring 3 in 1 account has a \$15 balance. I assume that the \$15 will be remitted to the Archdiocese along with the Fall 3 in 1 account balance. Spring 3 in 1 will be transferred separately and as soon as possible. That collection has been over for a while, but someone dropped off an envelope recently. I will still wait a while before transferring the Fall 3 in 1 funds.*

2. *Income Statement, Budget-Sacrificial Giving: I noticed that the YTD balance this year is about \$36,000 less compared to last year and \$52,000 less than the YTD budget. The major deficit of sacrificial giving is mainly attributed to the month of October 2025 giving. It is still early in the fiscal year and sacrificial giving might increase later in the year. Do you have any insight as to why the level of giving has decreased in the month of October? Looking at the last 10 years, this October is not far off from the average. The last two Octobers have been abnormally high for budget sacrificial giving. This may be due to the timing of large one-time gifts, annual giving done by IRA, or something along those lines. The roughly \$40,000 variance from last year to this year is due to a single donation. Last year this donation was put entirely to budget sacrificial giving while this year it was spread across multiple accounts.*

3. *Income Statement, Parish Life Expense: Please identify the large expenses in that account incurred in the month of October. The largest expense under Parish Life Expense was \$2,252.78 for food for the September parish picnic. There was also a few hundred dollars spent on funeral dinners and a few hundred dollars spent on donuts for Sunday coffee and donuts.*

- Matthew 25- Kathy asked if anything has been decided about this program after Gary's report in August. A lengthy discussion was had by the committee and Marilyn is going to place this on our agenda in February.

A motion was made by Erin and seconded by Gary to approve the Church Financial Statements.. Motion passed with all "ayes"

Old Business

Foundation for the Future update:

- Justin reported that money is still coming in for this campaign. There is a meeting this week about parking lot bids. A letter will be coming out this week from the parish about our campaign as we are coming to the end of it in April 2026.

Haiti:

- No money has been sent to Haiti. Justin said it is pending.
- \$500 check to PTPA an organization to visit parishes in Haiti. Not able to go to Haiti so combining monies with other parishes so this organization can do it for us.

Journey in Faith:

- Final meeting upcoming on Thursday, November 13 @ 6:30 in the old gym. Feedback is due to the Archdiocese on or before the 21st of November.

Review of Finance Council Bylaws:

- Everyone agreed that the Bylaws as they are listed currently are fine.

A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Buck to accept the Finance Council Bylaws as they currently written. Motion passed with all "ayes"

New Business

Parking Lot Bids

- No bids yet, but hopefully this will happen soon.

- Next Meeting date: Tuesday, February 10 @ 5:30. Marilyn will not be here, but she will get an agenda ready and Gary will lead the meeting.

Closing Prayer was prayed.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Erin to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with all "ayes". The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Butler