

St. Patrick Finance Council
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025 5:30 PM – Commons

After having our picture taken by Joe, the meeting was called to order at 5:34 by Marilyn

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

Absent: Fr. Ivan, David DeMoss and Buck Kerndt

The Finance Council prayed their opening prayer

Review and correct/approve minutes from June 10, 2025 meeting

A motion was made by Brock and seconded by Gary to approve the June minutes. Motion passed with all “ayes”

Catholic School Board Update

Update on the School from Molly -

- Cloverpatch had green turf put down. At the school: green privacy covering on fence, outside was painted by 5 Star Painting, and intercom and phones were updated.
- Spanish teacher for 2nd semester hired. Do not have a teacher for the first semester. School starts on August 25.
- Teachers come back on the 18th and “Meet the Teacher Night” is August 21.
- Football Bash - underway and all school families have been given 15 tickets to sell. Hoping to sell 1,000 tickets. Money raised is marked for resurfacing the school playground.

Review of School Financial Statements and Related Reports

- Justin provided copies of the 24/25 annual appeal/main event summary that Mr. Wiebers had provided.
- A question was asked to Mr. Wiebers via email about what was happening to the excess funds left in the school account. His response: *One of the priorities from the Archdiocese is to have at least 3 - 4 months of reserves available to cover costs in case something happens. The school board has set the following to allocate 60% of our surplus funds to our operating reserve, 20% to an endowment fund and 20% to a project fund. Our monthly expenses average in the \$180,000 range. This would put the goal in \$540,00 - \$720,000 for operating fund access. Once the surplus for the operating fund reaches that amount more will be put into the CFAD account.*
- Discussion around the CPTO and other 3rd sources of income for May. Also about money incoming and outgoing. It was suggested that once or twice a year we look at the school accounts and it gets recorded in our minutes that we have looked at it.
- Marilyn will visit with Fr. Ivan about the school finances to see how he wants to handle it.
- Excellent year financially for the school. (2024-2025) July 2025 report shows loss, but no money coming in during the summer. Good that the school has money going into this time of the year.
- *A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Brock to approve the school reports. Motion passed with all “ayes”*

Review of Church Financial Statements and related reports

- Review of Church Financial Statements and related reports (focus on the June 2025 financial statements)
- Financial statements for June were discussed.
- Justin shared about the parish excess - parish is sitting right about the 3 month extra cash that is recommended by the Archdiocese - with the restricted items removed.
- Marilyn looked at the number of givers declining over the last 5 years even though our number of parishioners is up in numbers. Financially we are still doing well. People passing away is probably the reason the number of givers is going down.
- Marilyn discussed Realm data is not very accurate compared to the listing Justin has of the actual givers.
- July finances: Question about expenses - One Faith Formation laptop, and three staff in parish received new laptops
- *A motion was made by Brock and seconded by Erin to approve the parish financial reports. Motion passed with all "ayes"*

Old Business

Haiti update

- Sent \$3,000 in July - Tim Boller said that we had the amount to send. Haven't given to Haiti in a while because the country has been in turmoil. Brock mentioned Brendan Kucera as a possible Haiti contact who is a member of St. Edward Church in Waterloo.
- Erin brought up Queen of Peace in Waterloo. They had a ceiling collapse recently. Their financial situation isn't very good. Maybe give something to them. Marilyn and Justin talked about the Journey in Faith coming up who knows where that is going. Marilyn said it is an Archdiocese issue not really our issue. Brock supported Erin in wanting to do something for our sister parish. Fr. Ivan could probably give us input on the policies and procedures around this.

Mathew 25 update: Gary visited with Cindy to find out more details about it.

- Who is served: Some are regulars, some are new, elderly, disabled, large families, blind, homeless, and people with addictions
- When is it open: Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Parish office has to be open when Matthew 25 is open.
- Core responsibilities: Giving Tree at Christmas, Blessing bags that are made and given out by the police, Hospitality House also receives Blessing bags.
- Leads coming from: friends, family, resource sheet that lists all nonprofits in the area.
- Products handed out come from: Food Bank, Fareway, Kwik Star, Hansen Dairy, USDA both free and purchased, & parishioners.
- Items given out besides food: toiletries, Depends, diapers, soaps, wipes, chapstick,
- Boxes are put together by volunteers and picked up on the 2 days Matthew 25 is open. Fifty pounds goes to a single person and 75 pounds to a family.
- Volunteers also run errands to pick up items from stores, take monetary donations and shop for needed items.
- Above the regular give outs: fans, crock pots, can openers, gloves, water bottles, etc.

- Demographics need to be collected for the USDA and Food Bank. Needing to go back and backfill information in the new system that is required for this.
- Since Covid St. Patrick has not paid her salary or supplies. Her salary used to be an expense on the parish income statement.. Now the money donated by parishioners goes to food, supplies, and her salary.
- Other food pantries in the area: St. Timothy Church, UNI for students, Nazarene Church in North Cedar but a couple is running it not the church.
- Revenue from the recent fiscal year was approximately \$27,000. The 2023-2024 year \$24,000 was collected. The 2022-2023 year revenue was \$22000. Our liabilities have gone up, however. The majority of the expense increase has been salary.
- Further discussions on this topic are needed as the program will not stay solvent through the end of the year if something doesn't change There are misconceptions about how Matthew 25 is funded. There are envelopes for Matthew 25 as the primary funding source. The budget for the upcoming year is set, so nothing could change as far as the level of support from the parish without an amendment. The Parish Council is discussing this topic as well.

Foundation for the Future update:

- By the next meeting in October, Justin believes that the loan will be paid off.

New Business

- Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 5:30
- Annual Church & School Financial Reports to Parishioners
- Review of miscellaneous liability accounts activity

Closing Prayer was prayed.

A motion was made by Brock and seconded by Gary to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with all "ayes". Meeting was adjourned at 6:44.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Butler