

St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 4th, 2025

TIME: 5:48 pm

Members Present: Fr. Gross, Tony Hodny, Paul Kalka, Brendan Kennelly

Absent: Mike Bibow, Bill Marti, John Colter, Jamie Sperle

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Gross
- II. Review Past Meeting Minutes – Amend facilities fees for weddings from \$150 to \$200. Quorum not established to entertain a motion.
- III. Review Agenda – No additions or corrections.
- IV. Standing Reports
 - a. Financial Report – Number of bills coming due for the restoration project. Father reported that he received a brief suspension of payments to the Diocese to ensure bills for the restoration will be addressed. An option to use the Catholic Development Foundation of the Parish's endowment fund is being looked into, and what funds from there could be used for expenses. Father is waiting on a response to that inquiry. A partial payment was made to the company out of Houston for demolition. There are also expenses to the Catholic Schools Network that also are being addressed. The pastors will be interviewing fundraising outfits to work on a Capital Campaign for the Schools.
 - b. Pastor's Report – The restoration demolition starts next week and the woodworking crew will also be here next week. Demo should go quickly. Delivery of remaining marble will be here anytime. Update on the Childcare Center closure was given. Alyce Stokke knows several colleagues no longer teaching in the public school system who would be qualified for the Director's position. She is going to message that group to see if there might be an interest. Bishop will be here to consecrate the new alter on February 7th, 2026 @ the 5:30 Mass. Catholic Schools Network's Gala scheduled for October 24th at Ralph Engelstad Arena. This will be the main annual fundraising activity for the schools. Catholic Charities does a fundraiser at the end of October. They are asking parishes to publish a QR code in their bulletins. This is in addition to the other additional collections that take place during the fall/winter season. A Pulpit exchange w/Fr. Riley Durkin is planned towards the end of October. A Marriage Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of November 8th-9th.
 - c. Maintenance Report – Tom worked up a summary of bids for the roof repairs. Tom is also working on the boiler tank issues.

- d. Technology Report – Loral Ann's computer will need to be replaced soon. Will ask Kelly for his input on replacing it.
- e. Personnel Report – Lyle Kvasager is interested in taking over Tom's position. He would like to shadow Tom during the month and see how it goes.
- f. Additional Discussion – None
- g. Next Meeting – October 9th, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
- h. Closing Prayer – Fr. Gross

Adjournment @ 6:35

Respectfully Submitted – Jackie Simon-Business Manager