

Minutes of the Finance Council

April 9, 2026

Parish of the Holy Savior

Attending: Father Aaron, Richie Philbrick, Jim Rinaldo, Sara Ross, Leah Gauthier, Mariann Goff-Dumont, Excused Michelle Cole

Father Aaron opened the meeting at 4:32 pm with a prayer.

A motion by Jim and seconded by Sara to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting was unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Linda provided copies of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities as of March 31 prepared by the diocese however the books had not been closed when the reports were prepared and these are projected, not actual, numbers.

Father gave an update on the new organ installation which was completed in time to be used in the Easter services.

There was a brief discussion about the proposed budget. Jennifer worked with Father, Linda and Richie before she left in putting together the framework for the 2026-2027 budget. There is a workshop schedule for April 16 to review and make adjustments to the budget. Father did point out that health insurance premiums will increase 19.9% in the coming fiscal year.

Richie pointed out that funds are set aside for the purchase of mowers when the need arises.

Mariann will not be at the budget workshop meeting and asked the council to consider adding a line item to insure there will be music at Our Lady of the Snows on Easter and Christmas. There has not been musical accompaniment on Easter for two years. There was a recommendation made that the Sunday Easter Mass in Rumford be moved back to allow Father and Nick time to celebrate in Bethel and Rumford.

Sara brought up that parishioner in Bethel have asked to have Lenten Adoration in Bethel. This lead to a discussion about representation from Bethel on the Worship and Spirituality Commission. Sara volunteered to serve.

Father provided an update on the business office opening. It is an hourly position, working 32 hours a week. To date, three applications have been received. One applicant withdrew. Father has conducted one interview. The position is being advertised in the church bulletin and by the diocese.

A revised meeting schedule proposes meeting every other month instead of quarterly until the business manager position is filled. The schedule is:

May 21	4:30-6 pm
June 15	4:30 Present Budget to Pastoral Council
Oct 15	4:30-6 pm
Dec 10	4:30-6 pm

Jim made a motion and Sara seconded the motion to accept the modified meeting schedule. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim presented a proposal to purchase a votive stand for St. A&J. This is an electric stand. Each candle has a switch that is turned on. The stand has a pre-set time that candles will stay on. Jim will ask an electrician that is a communicant to look at the electrical requirements and ask if he will do the work at no charge. Linda reminded that the diocese requires the electrician to be licensed and insured. The cost of the stand from McKay Church Goods is \$9120. Jim met with Jennifer before she left and she said that \$5000 would come from the Christmas Fair funds toward the purchase. The Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella will also be asked to donate toward the purchase. Sara suggested a "go fund me" campaign be conducted to raise the additional funds needed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the installation of the votive stand for an expense not to exceed \$9120. The motion was unanimously approved.

Primary funding source for the votive stand is proceeds from the Christmas fair. Mariann reminded the council that at least 2 years ago the Christmas Fair committee voted to donate proceeds from the fair to replace windows in the rectory. That has never been done. The council agreed that the windows project needs to be done. Leah advised members about the company she recently used to replace windows at her house...Junior's Glass & Windows in Lewiston. She will give Linda the business contact information.

Mariann told the council that the nativity figures at OLS need to be painted. We have a communicant that have volunteered to take the project on. She requested that funds be provided to purchase supplies needed. Sara said there are several families that will provide the funding.

There being no further business, Father closed the meeting with a prayer at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Goff