

# Holy Redeemer Parish

## Finance Council Minutes

April 27, 2022, Parish Hall (4:00 PM)

### **Attendance:**

Father Paul Nwaeze, Father Jonathon Kelly, Art Lamarche, Michael Olsen, Patrick Groulx, Anita Henson, Mary-Lou Hakansson by speaker phone (Accountant), Maureen Brannan (Parish Office) and Katia Antillon (Parish Council).

### **Review of minutes from March 2, 2022 meeting:**

Motion to accept minutes by Anita, seconded by Michael. Minutes approved.

### **Financial Statement for period ending March 31, 2022:**

Currently have a \$19,000 surplus. Collections are up by \$9,000. Disbursements up by \$15,000 (\$ figures rounded). There will be no government wage subsidy for 2022. Quick explanation of M/W/F numbers.

Motion to accept Financial Statement by Mike. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

### **Previous Business:**

Ukraine Refugee Status.

Two points brought forward for discussion by the Refugee Committee (see related info below). A direct subsidy of \$900/month to support family (Ottawa bound) related to Father Roman Rystar, an Orthodox Catholic priest living in Ottawa, for a max. period of up to 3 years and a special collection to support refugees in Poland by the Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Families. Proceeds of the collection would go to this church through Caritas, a charitable organization.

After much discussion on how to best serve the refugees and the monetary interests of our parish it was decided the matter is to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council for their input and concurrence. Also, Father Paul is to contact the Diocese for their guidance in this matter and to ascertain whether the Diocese is planning a Diocese wide special collection for the refugees. A deadline date of May 15 was established for the required information and responses for a planned special Finance Council meeting on May 18. Motion to accept Mike, seconded by Anita. Motion carried.

Finance Committee - the Refugee Committee has received two requests to assist Ukrainian people and we hope they can both be voted on this week.

1) As you may be aware, Churches cannot sponsor Ukrainian families to come to Canada permanently as they will be returning home sometime after the war is over. A member of our Parish is friends with Father Roman Rytsar - an Orthodox Catholic Priest who lives in Ottawa with his wife and children. He will be bringing his parents-in-law and brother-in-law to Canada. Their visas have already been approved and they will be coming to Canada very soon - possibly this weekend. (Visas are good for a maximum of three years). He does not have the money to support these family members and is looking for a church to help out. Fr. Roman's brother-in-law is autistic and his parents-in-law are in their 60's and don't speak English so it is unlikely that they will be able to work while they are here. He estimates that it will cost \$900.00 a month to support these 3 family members. The Refugee Committee would like to propose that Holy Redeemer Parish take on the sponsorship for these people for a maximum of 3 years. The family may go back to Ukraine earlier. We propose that for \$900.00 be provided to Father Roman every month, for a maximum of 36 months, or whenever this family returns to Ukraine. This would be funded from the Holy Redeemer Deposit fund at the Diocese.

2) We have been in contact with someone living in Poland who is a member of the Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Families. This Church has been helping the sick, poor and disadvantaged for many years and are currently supporting 260 people in need. Since the war in Ukraine started, many Ukrainian people have come to this church for help, mostly mothers with children and elderly women. Men are required to stay behind and fight to defend their country. They are currently taking care of about 200 refugees and more are arriving. These people are all being housed within their community but the people who have opened up their homes don't have the financial resources to support them. This Parish is in desperate need of financial assistance to help purchase food,

clothes, medicine, school supplies so the children can attend school and other basic necessities. There are many large aid organizations working to collect money but it takes time for decisions to be made and money to be disbursed. But they need help now. The Refugee Committee suggests having a special collection for this Parish in the next few weeks. All proceeds from this collection would go to this church through Caritas, which is a respected charitable organization.

Both of these requests are urgent and I hope will be dealt with right away. We are hopeful that someone on the Finance Committee will prepare motions for these two requests this week and the Committee does an e-mail vote to support these two requests.

Thanks for your support.

Mary Lou Daze and Cathy Deogrades  
Chairs of the Parish Refugee Committee

### **New Business:**

Comprehensive Parish Financial Report for the Diocese presented. We did not go through the 22 page report but only took a cursory look at it. Motion to accept report by Anita and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Welcome Back - Welcome Home Celebration.

Submitted budget of \$3,049 and Marquee cost of \$900. No need for additional monies or motion, can be included in existing Pastoral Works budget.

Aboriginal Peoples Committee.

Submitted budget of \$1500 for 2022 - Blanket exercise, St Francis statue and garden and additional landscaping/horticultural features. No need for additional monies or motion, can be included in existing Pastoral Works budget. Landscaping work to be coordinated with Garden Angels group.

Father Paul update

Evangelization Coordinator will start June 1. The position is part time at 20 hrs/week.

Father Jonathon update - nothing to report.

Parish Council update

Katia brought us up to date on some initiatives - Welcome Back celebration, Ambassadors to welcome new parishioners, welcome package for new parishioners, the previous Welcoming Committee is no longer active.

### **Capital Projects/Church Maintenance for 2022**

**Work completed** - All 650 chairs reinstalled in worship area/Carpet steam cleaned/Baptismal font plumbing repaired.

**Planned Work** - Outdoor cleanup of Parish grounds slated for May 7.

Steam cleaning of fabric chairs in worship area.

Cut and Trim cedar hedges.

Repair outdoor spot lights aimed at front cross.

Repair of Garbage dumpster gate.

Pressure vacuuming and cleaning of church HVAC ducting. Purchase of HEPA filters for HVAC system.

Replacement of spalled landscape bricks at front entrance to church, approx. 70 units.

Sweeping, filling of pot holes and painting of lines in the parking lots

Annual inspection and required repairs to roof membrane.

New dishwasher in kitchen.

Set date for 2022 AGM. Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Meeting to be  
livestreamed.

Next Finance Council meeting set for May 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting by Anita, seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

  
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