

MINUTES

FINANCE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday April 29, 2014

Rectory, 7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Father Pierre Champoux, Pastor(regrets)

Father Hezuk Schroff

Art Lamarche

Mary Lou Hakansson(regrets)

John L'Abbe

Paul Jolicoeur(regrets)

Atul Dilawri (regrets)

OPENING PRAYER

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR;

The minutes of meeting held on the 27th of March were accepted as read.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – For period ending March 31, 2014

The financial Statements were reviewed and it appears that revenues and expenses are in line with the budget in all areas except Heating &Electricity and Maintenance where expenses will probably exceed our budgeted amounts. Although the Parish has done much to reduce electricity usage by using LED and low watt bulbs the increase in cost of both natural gas and electricity keeps rising and in turn our costs continue to increase. Also of note is the maintenance increase due to the cook's contract costs been charged to that line item. This had previously been authorized by Finance council and as such we may have to make the necessary adjustments from other line items.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The correspondence sent to the parish by Catholic Mutual Insurance and dated the 27th of February has been dealt with by John L'Abbe. This required an inspection of the Church, Hall, Rectory and garage.**
- b. Father Pierre has prepared a letter and questionnaire that will be going to Parishioners as part of the Strategic Planning process.**
- c. The Parish will be starting a special column in the Bulletin titled "Your Parish in action" and will required a short message from the Finance Council to include in one of the upcoming bulletins. John L'Abbe will prepare something for submission prior to the Parish AGM.**

- d. **The same format will be used for the presentation to the AGM and Art Lamarche and John L'Abbe will put this together.**

New Business:

1. **An update on the AV system is required for the next meeting.**
2. **John L'Abbe advised that the new cross will be ready within a week or so and since we have the vinyl we can commence work after everyone has reviewed the file. As such we are prepared to start work on the 12 of May and will require 3 days to complete the project.**
3. **We have experienced extreme heating in the office that was due to a loose wire not sending the proper signal to the AC/Heat Pump area. Lar-Mex was in and corrected the problem and also checked the Church thermostats to ensure that everything was correct with the large HVAC system. Everything was normal.**
4. **John Hogan has started replacing the lights in the vestibule and baptistery with LED bulbs. This should be finished within the month.**
5. **John L'Abbe will obtain 3 quotes from reputable firms for window and door replacement in the rectory.**
6. **Staff has identified the need to upgrade the toilet facilities in the office. John L'Abbe will cost out the issue and will advise the committee of the cost during the summer.**
7. **Nepean Lock and door will be submitting a quote on the cost of installing handicapped door openers for the toilet facilities in the hall.**

NEW BUSINESS:

VARIA – None brought forward.

Next meeting: June 25, 2014 in the Parish Boardroom.

Signed
John L'Abbe, Chairperson

Signed
Father Pierre Champoux, Pastor
Holy Redeemer R.C. Church

Dated: June 25, 2014