

Holy Redeemer Parish

Finance Council Minutes

October 27, 2021, Parish Hall (4:00 PM)

Attendance:

Father Paul Nwaeze, Father Jonathon Kelly, Art Lamarche, Michael Olson, Patrick Groulx, Paul Jolicoeur, Anita Henson, Mary-Lou Hakansson (Accountant), Maureen Brannan (Parish Office), and Edgar Acosta (Parish Council)

Appointment of new Finance Council member:

Motion by Paul to appoint Anita Henson as a new member. Seconded by Michael. Motion carried.

Review of minutes from August 21, 2021 meeting:

Motion by Michael to accept minutes. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Financial Statement:

Mary-Lou highlighted major items. We are in a good financial position because of the federal wage subsidy. There is an increase of \$17,000 in staff wages. In 2020 the Priests were subject to a wage reduction by the Diocese. Jen's hours have been increased to 40 hrs/week. Tax/ Insurance/water budget line expense increased by \$10,491 due to increase in insurance and a late 2020 water payment made in 2021. The Diocesan tax of 13% is payable on the federal wage subsidy. The amount of interest from our Diocese investment was not included in the statement, it is to come at a later date. For reference purposes our general collections for 2021 has decreased by \$68,000 as compared to 2019.

Previous Business:

See below. Included with New Business.

New and Old Business:

Father Paul

The glass partition for the Chapel is to be covered with a privacy film. As per parishioners the existing glazing does not provide adequate privacy and traffic outside the chapel is distracting to those within. Maureen stated an estimate is coming this week.

Evangelization Coordinator - Job description is close to being finalized. Once finalized and approved, position will be advertised. No budget amount has been decided.

SGH sandwich makers - A Quick book report indicating money collected for 2019, 2021 and 2021 was provided by Maureen. Because of the Pandemic the money collected/allocated to the SGH has been low. To rectify this issue Anita brought forward a motion to provide a monthly amount of \$200. Seconded by Michael. An entry for SGH has been added to our ~~direct deposit collections list~~. Parish collection envelopes for SGH has been added for 2022.

Correction
N. J. →

Father Jonathon - No items to discuss.

Capital Projects

The physical link between the Rectory and the Church requires repairs. The roof eaves are covered with icicles in the winter. This is a danger to people accessing/leaving the office from the front door. Also the reception area is cold in the winter. The attic/roof area is not properly insulated. We have received a proposal to upgrade the insulation in the attic area.

Draft Budget for 2022

Wide ranging discussion. Because of the uncertainty of the continuing pandemic and its effects it is anticipated most budget numbers, except for salaries and hard costs (heating, hydro, etc.) will be lower than 2019 budget numbers. The budget always has to be balanced.

Year End Donations.

Bring forward charity ideas for all to consider. Total amount for last year was \$10,000. \$5000 is earmarked for Father Paul's Nigeria project. Should also consider an Indigenous charity this year. Maybe consult with our Parish Indigenous Peoples Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting date is November 24 th




