

Minutes of St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Finance Council

February 18, 2021

Father Nusi opened the meeting with a prayer.

This was the organizational meeting of the St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Finance Council. The Finance Council will assist the Pastor in the administration of the Parish and work in collaboration with the Parish Council.

Minutes for each meeting will be taken and archived at the Parish office. A secretary will be appointed at our next meeting. Minutes will be shared with all members of the finance council and with other parish leaders.

Member of the Finance Council are Jean Pautz, President; Scott Wallenfang, Treasurer/Trustee; and Mardell Wirtz, member; several others were slated to attend but did not. Jean will be contacting them before the next meeting. Serving ex officio will be Father Francis Nusi. Also present at this meeting was Allen Blaser for the Chase Cemetery.

Sub-committees of the Finance Council will include Buildings & Grounds, Cemeteries, and Stewardship. Each of these committees should attend the Finance Council Meetings as well.

Meetings will be held every two months on a Thursday. Jean will research what time will work best for the group.

Scott Wallenfang presented an overview of the current financial status of the parish. An end of December review finds that the Parish has a net surplus that is \$10,300 ahead of the budget. Part of it had to do with the Cares Act Grant which was turned from a loan into income in December. The grant provided 8 weeks of employee wages for the parish. The Cares Act grant was for \$7,600. A second grant has been applied for. Due to the early mild winter snow plowing costs and utilities had been down. The harsh February temperatures will change that for the month. There are continued reductions in parish support with collections down 20%. Pastoral clergy costs are also down since we have a two-year agreement with Holy Trinity which reduces that cost by 63%. The year-end cash balance was \$62,700. Cash on hand 2/16/21 is \$75,300. In future meetings we will spend some time reviewing routine expenses of the parish.

	Participating Units	
	6/30/19	6/30/20
Registered units	309	292 17 lost
Contributing units	152	148 Contributing \$100 or more

Father Nusi gave an update on the rectory. Father Greg will be there until April. Scott will begin a conversation with Barry from the Diocese on options for what to do with rectory once he leaves.

Allen Blaser of the Chase Cemetery presented a report that they currently have \$54,000 as of 6/30/20. They have money invested in long term bonds with Stifel Investments, but nothing is paying any type of decent return right now. He is currently working on a plot map for the Chase Cemetery which will be on the computer. He has the old bell from St Joseph Church in his possession and would like to have it placed on the Chase cemetery. Will continue that conversation at the next meeting.

Dennis Kleczka submitted a report on the St John Cantius Cemetery. They have approximately \$75,000 in their cemetery fund. We reviewed the cost of gravesites in Sobieski and Chase which are not the same at this time. Chase will be changing theirs to match St John Cantius the end of June. The cost will then be \$350 per gravesite per parishioner and \$800 per gravesite per non parishioner. That way both cemeteries will be consistent their charges. Jim Brzezinski is the person to contact to purchase a St John Cantius gravesite. Cemetery information is kept by the Secretary/Treasurer, Dennis Kleczka, which includes information on the deceased. If looking for gravesite locations or locations of burial contact Dennis Kleczka or Jim Brzezinski

Buildings and Grounds is being handled by Mike Dercks, Shawn Weslow and Jim DeGreef. We will have a report from Mike at the next meeting. An evaluation of what needs to be fixed first will be done.

Under other business Online Giving was reviewed. We will be doing a two-year trial to see how many parishioners will participate after that amount of time. An annual fee of \$348 which would be waived if we provide a list of parishioners so they can be contacted and encouraged to utilize online giving. Online giving streamlines regular payments by parishioners and provides for special payment options for CCD etc.

Our next meeting date will be Thursday, April 22.