

**Minutes**  
**St. Joseph's Finance Council**  
**4:30 PM – November 14, 2022**

Members present: Fr. McCabe, Ann Wackel, Scott Gubbels, Doris Robertson, Brian Morrow, Craig Pytleski, Michael Henkenius and Jim Essay.

Fr. McCabe opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting of 9-6-22 were approved with no changes.

Ann Wackel handed out the detailed profit & loss reports for the first quarter (July – Sept) for both the School and the Church.

**School:**

-Payroll was larger for this period due to the overlap in teacher contracts. All teachers are now on the same contract period beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> and ending July 31<sup>st</sup>. This was a diocesan requirement.

-Tuition receipts are slightly higher as there were 4 instead of the budgeted 2 out-of-parish students.

**Church:**

-The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tithe numbers were typical along last year's trend which is slightly higher.

-Property costs were higher for the Church because of the replacement of flooring and a dehumidifier in the rectory.

Walk for Christ event was very successful this year. A total of \$177,588 was realized and after current projects were paid for, \$133,354 was available for other special projects and a transfer to the school. Special projects may include a new sound system for the gym, new risers, soccer nets and possibly a new scoreboard. The finance council suggested that \$65,000 be transferred to the school based on overall school budget analysis.

Health insurance expense paid by the School, for the 4 Sisters who teach at St. Joseph's will be increasing from 52% of the total premium to 70%. This ultimately will be approximately a \$10,000 expense increase to St. Joseph's School.

The diocese has also recommended that all Schools in the diocese use a benchmark of charging the employee 20% of the single premium and 40% of the single+1 premium and family premium. This will increase the cost to the School, but the exact cost is indeterminate at this time. Ann will calculate and we can discuss at the next meeting how this will affect the overall expense to the School.

Facilities update—designated donations were received to pay for the HVAC unit and the boiler in the Church and to replace the circular drive on the south side of the building outside of the adoration chapel. Other items that the facilities committee is reviewing are: electronic sign in front of property - \$40,000-\$50,000, replace deck at rectory -\$20,000, chairs in Res Hall -\$13,000-\$18,000, HVAC unit on top of School gym-\$140,000 and Res Hall storage room enclosure.

Scott, Doris and Craig agreed to get meet with Ann in early February to work on preliminary budget for the School.

There was then some discussion by the council, in an attempt to give Fr. McCabe some possible names of couples to approach for Cana Committee Chairs for next year.

Next meeting date was scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30 PM in the Heritage room at St. Joseph's.

Fr. McCabe closed the meeting with a prayer.

Jim Essay