

St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting

February 22, 2024

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Meeting called to order @ 7:30 pm; members present, Father Nick Radloff, Wayne Schmitt, Janet Schmitt, Steve Kuennen, Mike Hensley
- 3) Reviewed previous minutes, Steve brought to our attention, the statement concerning the concrete handicap parking area, Dreckman Construction gave us a labor discount not free as previously stated and Croell Redimix gave us a discount for the concrete. Thank you! Minutes approved.
- 4) Financial Report
 - A) Giving is consistent, we have increased cost of insurance, tuck pointing at the entrance of the church, handicap parking have impacted our financial obligations. Thank you for your continued support!
- 5) Pastoral Business
 - A) Mass attendance was discussed; we feel St. Mary's 8:30 am Mass is beneficial to attendance, during Covid, the requirement of Sunday Mass attendance was altered. Post covid environment, the attitude according to some, concerning Mass attendance is optional. We wish to encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ! And the beautiful sacraments He has given us, to draw us closer to Him.
 - B) Liturgical Ministers, Thank you, to all our liturgical ministers. The harvest is plenty but the labors are few. If you feel moved by the Holy Spirit, please get involved. Make a difference to live the Gospel by our willingness to serve Him.
- 6) Buildings Grounds
 - A) Masonry around steps and caulking needs to be addressed.
 - B) Eve trough and spout coming loose on north side.
 - C) Window frame needs to be repaired. Thanks Steve, for taking time and regularly inspecting our grounds, church areas.
 - D) Air Conditioning for the church was installed in 1988, (thanks, Flo Langreck) originally R-22 refrigerant, it has been converted to MO-99, a temporary fix. Replacement of (2) 4 ton systems will be needed in the not so distant future. Furnaces were replaced 2 years ago, we should save money on installation of A/C systems. Air Conditioners are still running at this time.

Closing prayer, Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mike Hensley

May St. Stephen, pray for us! And St. Michael, protect us! We pray this in the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Amen.