

# The Church of St Mary of Alexandria

## Finance Council

### Wednesday June 19, 2024

Members present: Todd Wentworth, Francie Peterson, Angela Dotty, Randy Kinney, Doreen Bartos, Fr. Matthew Kuehn, Fr. Rich Aubol, Mark Maloney, Janet Schiltgen, and Ron Kirscht .

Members absent: Craig Olson

Meeting began at 4:15 pm

Fr. Matthew led the council in prayer.

Introduction of the new members of the Finance Council were made- Janet Schiltgen and Ron Kirscht.

The agenda was approved by consent.

The minutes were approved with one correction: new council member correct spelling Leon Breun.

Todd provided a review of the financial statements through May 2024. Questions from the council were clarified and addressed. Moved by Randy, seconded by Francie and approved the finance reports as presented.

The Fr. Al Benevolent Fund Restricted account has assets of \$789,035, including income/loss through May.

Facilities:

- a. Church windows- HGA Architect team met with Todd W. and Kevin Becker to look at the 2 diamond shaped windows to review options to correct water problems. To be continued.
- b. Kitchen cooler/freezer- installation delayed one week but should be installed with plenty of time.
- c. Crucifix – final approval delayed until reviewed by Diocesan Building Commission in July. Will continue to use the processional crucifix after the new crucifix is approved and installed. Plans are being made to lighten the processional cross consulting with original maker of the processional crucifix.
- d. Insurance claims x 2: 1. Hail damaged the new rectory last week, claim submitted. 2. Power surge on the roof top unit-controller last fall, affidavit submitted to insurance.
- e. Live stream currently down- currently recording and uploading Mass to Facebook later. Tricorne audio and XS Consulting are troubleshooting to solve the problem.

Stewardship- working on annual renewal/Legacy Dinner moved to 2025 due to timing issues, we are looking for a chairperson as well.

Parish Outreach: Harvest Pack completed. They also had an email meeting for 2 donations, \$1000 donated to the Alexandria Police Dept. for program 616 protective gear. A second \$1000 was donated and split between the Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts.

Parish raffle ticket sales are going well, and we are 600 ticket sales ahead of last year at this same time.

St. Mary's of Alexandria Catholic Foundation – no update

- a. Fr Al Memorial Scholarship Fund- last college scholarship was presented at end of May at AAHS scholarship event.

St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund of Alexandria, MN- Meet next week, they held their annual golf tournament last week.

Pastoral Council- Randy K wraps up his term on Parish Council and Finance Council in July. New members to the Parish Council were introduced at the June potluck meeting at the new parish house. Leon Breun will be the new liaison from the Parish Council beginning in August.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Future meeting schedule- due to the Eucharistic Congress-July meeting will be rescheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm, assuming that works for most people. Starting in September the Finance Council will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month with a new time: 4:45 pm.

Priest compensation 2024-25 reviewed – no action needed; set by the diocese.

Review of bylaws tabled as the diocese is working on training and guidelines for finance councils. Expect communication sometime this fall along with guidelines and training for trustees and pastoral councils.

Mindy Wymore bookkeeper- put in her notice for 1/31/2025- the search for a new person to fill the position will begin.

Communication plan for 2024-25 budget/plan

- a. Challenge of Stewardship.
- b. Priest to talk from the pulpit.
- c. Annual update presented to the parish in August by Craig. Update on where we are going and where we have been.
- d. Important to communicate is a priority.
- e. We must communicate this 2-year deal once.
- f. Stewardship re-enforced.
- g. Need to archive our plans on the parish website so people can go back and review our plan.
- h. Need the school in front of our parish- "Balance" It's part of our Core Values and Mission Statement.
- i. Discussion on how we report our offerings in the bulletin. Todd will provide a new format for review at the next meeting.

CLOSE- Fr. Mathew closed with a prayer for our parish.

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 25<sup>th</sup> 4:45 (tentative)

August- no meeting

September- change-will begin meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 4:45

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm –

Respectfully submitted by Mark T. Maloney