

St. Nicholas Finance Committee Meeting, 9/10/24

Attendees: Father Matt, Father Dan, Todd Wentworth, Sharon Marthaler, Dwayne Waldorf, Gary Haavig, Ellyn Ponicki, Mike Ponicki, Nate Hillmer, Tim Baas, Judy Collins, Shawn Becker.

Summary:

- A young member of the St. Nicholas community would like to tend to three acres which sit beyond the North side of the cemetery, to see if it could be used for farming. The committee loved the idea, as it would have numerous benefits to the church such as keeping the rodent population down, the land would be flatter and could be used for hay rides, and so forth. Cool idea!
- Reviewed the budget, off to a good start with giving so far.
- Reviewed the bank balances. Lots of discussion around rolling over the Certificate of Deposit, interest rates, when the cash involved would need to be liquid again. Also discussed putting some of the liquid cash reserves into the perpetual care fund-- seems like a good time to do that.
- Received updates from Nate Hillmer regarding the steeple roof, contractor is offering a discount because we are a church, and he has other projects going on in the area. Reservations were expressed about power washing the slate, as perhaps that could cause leaking-- in other words, create more problems than it solves? Repairing and repainting some foam almost seems to be a larger priority, since birds have been getting at it, could create leaking issues.
- The Divine Mercy image order is about to be placed, which is pretty exciting! Also, a contractor has been identified who will address repairs for the elevator entrance hallway / stairs area. This contractor has said they will donate all materials and labor for the project, which is amazing!