

# St. Nicholas

*Catholic Church of Belle River*

## Finance Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

**Members Present:** Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Gary Haavig, Veronica Haavig, Todd Wentworth, Nate Hillmer, Tim Baas, Mike Ponicki

**Members Absent:** Fr. Dan Ruprecht, Dwayne Waldorf, Shawn Becker

**Also Present:** Ellyn Ponicki

**Call to Order:** Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with prayer at 7:15 pm in the church rectory.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Agenda and minutes approved as presented.

### **Action Items/To-do List (Done or Not Done – any explanations should be brief)**

See below in Facilities Update:

- 1) Nate: Brandt Contracting: Steeple Repair
- 2) Nate: Brandt Contracting: painting and sealant of the foam on the roof
- 3) Sharon: Check on Cenex dividend
- 4) Gary: Maintenance book for lawnmower
- 5) Gary: Church wall

### **Standing Business**

1. Financial Reports
  - a. The Statement of activities shows offerings 10% above budget. Approved as presented.
  - b. The account balances reviewed and approved as presented.
2. Facilities Update
  - a. Steeple: Waiting for a written quote.
  - b. Church Roof: Not going to do the power washing of the roof.
  - c. Church Roof Foam: Tim Baas spoke to Mike Messer who had done the original work on the foam repairs, and he says all that is needed is a coat of paint.
  - d. Email: to the parishioners this fall requesting more volunteers as mowers for the spring. Done
  - e. Dividend: Tabled till next meeting.
  - f. Maintenance Record Book: Working on developing and updating maintenance log.
  - g. Church Wall: Pending. It will be done during the winter.
  - h. Drainage of facilities: Dwayne to move forward on this project.
  - i. Divine Mercy Image: Done
  - j. Concern of mowing upkeep at cemetery. A parishioner was concerned about the cemetery mowing and suggested the Operation Round Up Grant. Reviewing the grant guidelines, it looks like the church would not be eligible. Sharon will call the parishioner and thank her for her concern and bringing it to our attention.
  - k. Add to wish list: cosmetic repair-contact Molly Oeltjen
  - l. Rectory storm windows, project set for the spring of 2025.

### **Old/New Business**

1. Emergency Contact List
  - a. A list will be compiled with the businesses contact information for emergencies.

- b. Theresa Zwieg's name was given for the snow removal. Sharon will contact her.
- 2. Sharing and Caring Outreach
  - a. Since the church is doing very well with the finances, it was decided to make donations to local organizations. Carlos Fire Department-\$500, Miltona Fire Department-\$500, Sheriff's Department- \$500, Love Inc.-\$500. Nate will check with the local schools to see if they have any needs.
- 3. Open Discussion
  - a. Follow up with Reboot, form groups to continue the message from Reboot.
  - b. Purchase a new vacuum and backpack vacuum for the church.
  - c. Updating hymnals has been a discussion with the liturgy committee.
  - d. Sound system: Jeff will be contacted to reset the sound system in the choir loft.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:15 pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Marthaler