

Finance Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Dave Risgaard, Karen Rappl, Lynn Hopfensperger, Anne Greif, Mike Brown, Al Solowicz, Joe Varkoly
Excused Mike Van Dyke, Julie Klein

Opening prayer – At 6:35 pm by Fr. Brian

Approval of June minutes

- Reviewed comment on June minutes about pledges for school and ability to use them for operating expense if needed in the future - confirmed we can reallocate from capital to operating.
- Motion to approve by Dave R and Seconded by Joe V, Approved

Review of financials – Anne

- Envelope income down from budget, need to monitor.
 - Anne will look at RMD's by month to see what the impact is on monthly giving.
 - Mass attendance up from St John/St Mary and our loose offering is up
 - Anne will talk to Steve Siegel about having envelopes in church so people can designate their loose offering to those parishes.

Old business

- Endowment brochure is ready to share with parishioners, and an estate planning workshop is set for Saturday, 11/14/26.
 - Anne is checking on putting an endowment specific envelope in quarterly packets sent to parishioners – Months of June, November, and December
 - Funeral planning – Set for Tuesday November 10th, Church perspective.
- Fence proposal - on hold until September – discussion tabled until next meeting Lynn is getting more information.
- Neenah-Menasha Youth Minister position update/funding
No update- priests will meet in next couple of months.

New business

- Parish Communication Plan
 - Father, Sara, and Tim met on marketing our parish to the parishioners - many ideas were brought up including quarterly update, monthly newsletter in bulletin, Flocknote emails - Talked about who receives these emails and is contact information correct, mailings – too expensive. Father will continue to pursue options
- Reviewed property insurance – with recent disaster, question on what our coverage is Anne brought coverage of limits but still were questions.
 - Mike V may be able to shed light on this at our next meeting about replacement cost of our property, Policy looks like limit of \$20,000,000.
 - What is our deductible? \$5000?
 - Anne will send more information on insurance coverage, cost, and deductible

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B&G report

- Electrical panel - \$1,000 donation secured for this project. The \$10K pledge we were hoping for was withdrawn.
- Teachers are requesting blinds for new classrooms – estimate being obtained and suggestion made to put this in the bulletin as a wish list item.

Cemetery board report – Met in June

- Updated rules and regulations
- Estimated \$49,000 loss for the year.
 - Historically years have been up and down
 - Options were discussed to cut costs, including doing our own lawn care with volunteers. No changes at this time.
 - Discussion relating to the columbarium sales and when a 2nd unit would be ordered, currently 2/3 of spaces have been purchased.
 - There is money in endowment to cover this cost.

Vision report

- Per Pete all oBO funds are expected to be used
- Default rate is just over 10% - no effort is being made to collect these funds.
- Pews being improved/replaced continues to be the top priority relating to those funds.
- More funds may be needed in order to complete that project in full.

Other business

- Annual Parish meeting targeted for October 11 between the 8 and 10 AM Masses – Karen will confirm with Sara that this is not a conflict with Servant Sunday
- Joe will review last year's presentation outline.
- Father and Karen will review St. Clare's report.
- Last year, parish statistics were presented. Do we want them this year?
- Will discuss format at Sept 8 meeting.

Next meeting dates

- September 8th 6:30 PM
- October 6th 6:30 PM (Father is not available on October 6th or 13th. Need to meet prior to annual meeting)

Closing prayer – Fr. Brian

Adjournment – 7:55 PM

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