

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Finance Committee Meeting

July 15, 2017

Present: Charlie Henry, Leroy Wurst, Terry Blair, Fr. Rob Pare, Paul Smihal CPA

Excused: Ron Bass, Michael Sage.

(The representative seat from Parish Council for F.C. is vacant until full council is in place.)

Purpose of meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to review the 2017 church fiscal year and projected budget for 2017-2018. Also a review of the "Sharing our Gifts" program which was concluded in May 2017. Further to our discussion was the special projects that are being looked at for this years' parish needs.

The Review of our parish yearly budget and the expenses incurred was met with positive results. While continuing to cut costs where ever possible the increase in donations through our Envelops was seen as a result of the fall "Sharing Our Gifts" program. While not completely covering our needed revenue the increase was noteworthy. The extra ordinary donations which were given to target snow removal for the winter this past year, the removal, storage, and installation, of the pipe organ from St. Felix to the St. Roch location (to be completed), the donation from two private parishioners along with the donation of the Knights of Columbus for removal and installation of doors for the Church, all contributed to improving our Church without using "operating expenses". It was a wonderful expression of sharing our gifts and on behalf of the parish the finance members extend thanks.

We continued to discuss a list of items presented by Fr. Rob for discussion and decision of projects presently facing our property/buildings. After considerable detailed discussion the following is a list of items that are in order of preference to be placed before the parish. **Donations toward any specific item will help to get it done.**

List

1. Removing and replacing cement walkway from each of the 4 Church doors/ repairing walkways on both sides of the Church. (St. Roch) \$17,000 (Bids were taken to help us in the effort to manage the cost.)
2. St Francis Borgia, trench and seal external walls of corner directly surrounding furnace room along with redirecting water from rain to north of Church. \$.A donation to cover this expense will be contributed. A special thanks to our parishioner in this generous gesture. Thank you.
3. Rewiring electrical for St. Roch Church upgrading with and connect to the generator. \$4,000-\$4,500. **Done**
4. Purchase of Lawnmower replacing all old equipment. Old equipment value \$1200.00, new lawnmower \$1600.00 cost resulting in \$400.00 for new lawnmower. **Done.**
5. Landscaping of St. Roch Church north and east area (stone removal and replacement with boarders) shrubs, tree / pine removal. \$7, 258.00
6. Rectory: \$1,868 upgrade.

Each of these items are in an order which indicates importance. Two items where a must and have been paid through our bank account. The other items are needed and the parish council and finance committee invite parishioners to consider donating to the item of their choosing.

Pastoral Input: Thank you to our finance members and parish council members who created and helped in the most recent presentation of "Sharing our Gifts". And thank you to the parishioners who have increased their donations through our Sunday collections. We are greatly appreciative.

The chart included with these minutes should give our parishioners an idea of the increases that are happening in our contributions. The special projects donations were also greatly appreciated.

Next Finance Meeting Scheduled: January 27, 2018

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