

St. Edith Finance Council

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

Attendees: Fr. Jim McNulty, Tom O'Meara, Judy O'Meara, John Brady, Matt Taggart, Rick Nork, Tom Debolski

Absent: Maureen Szczypka, Greg Laskowsky

1. The meeting began at 7:00 pm with a prayer by John Brady
2. It was moved by John Brady and seconded by Tom O'Meara to approve the March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
3. Review Offertory Collection.
Tom O'Meara presented a document summarizing the review of the Offertory Collections for calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, and the first three months of 2024. The members of the Finance Council discussed the probable causes for the recent decline in giving.
 - (a) Once again, it was suggested that parishioners be encouraged to make their donations via on-line giving. Matt Taggart said that he would be willing to assist parishioners with this process after Mass. He and others could set up stations at church to help parishioners with signing up for on-line giving.
 - (b) It is a fact that the people of St. Edith really enjoy the coffee and donuts as well as the spaghetti dinners at the church. Fr. Jim mentioned that in the very near future envelopes will be provided so that parishioners can help offset this expense.
4. Financial Statement review – (9) months ending March 31, 2024.
Tom O'Meara reported that the school consolidated loss was \$40,623 net of favorable timing differences of \$71,511. The church loss was \$34,387 net of favorable timing differences of \$16,383.
5. CSA Update.
Tom O'Meara reported that to date we have received pledges of \$150,459 toward our goal of \$148,576, or \$1,883 over our goal. Paid pledges to date are \$149,899, therefore we are over our goal by \$1,323 dollars.
6. Capital Projects – Current & Proposed.
Bob Calleja provided the Finance Council with (3) quotes to replace the retaining wall near the Chapel. The Finance Council approved the quote from Birchwood Lawn & Landscaping. The estimate is between \$11,000 and \$14,750 depending on the product options to be used. Bob Calleja and Fr. Jim will determine the product option that is best for us and will obtain a firm quote.
7. General Discussion.
 - (a) Tom O'Meara presented a document from Jacqueline Slaviero which showed that a grant was

approved by the State of Michigan in the amount of \$45,000. The funds will be used as follows: (1) security cameras, (2) four new metal doors for the gym, (3) three new fire doors for school, (4) emergency releases for the fire doors, (5) technical training, (6) Committee for Children. Many thanks to Jackie for writing and obtaining the funds for these projects.

(b) John Brady mentioned that some members of the Parish Council will be leaving their positions at the end of their current terms, some new volunteers will be needed. John also noted that the Parish Council is considering some capital improvements that are needed at St. Edith. Therefore, there will be a joint meeting of the Parish Council and the Finance Council at the first meeting of the PC in September in order to discuss the capital projects.

8. Fr. Jim's Comments.

Fr. Jim and an advisory committee are currently interviewing candidates for the position of school principal beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

9. The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy O'Meara

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024.