

Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – April 14, 2021 at 9:00 am
School Library

ATTENDEES: Rev. Mark Baron, Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Chromizky, Bill Lucas, Sandra Sobotka (teleconference) and Kellie Moore -Business Manager.

Opening Prayer

1 – Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a prayer. The March 2021 minutes were approved by the council.

2 – Religious Education

Fr. Mark is planning for the 2021-22 school year. The decision to offer in person and on line classes is still being assessed along with the schedule of class days and times. Tuition and staffing of the program are also being reviewed by Fr. Mark.

3 – Parish Business

Food Pantry – The parish food pantry has been relocated to the former school art room for ease of operations and distribution of food. The patrons continue to utilize a pick up lane near the front school entrance every Wednesday morning.

4-Master Plan

The parish planning committee (PPC) and Newman Architecture are meeting April 15 to review the findings of the fifteen focus groups and work on the parish survey and town hall meeting to be held in May 2021. *The PPC project timeline and schedule may be impacted due to COVID-19 – DOJ guidelines and restrictions.*

5 - DOJ Three year audit

The parish completed its three year on site audit the week of March 15, 2021. The auditor performed an examination of FY 2019-20 records. The auditor examined all financial and personnel records, along with internal controls and operations. A full report will be sent to the Finance Council Chairman and Pastor with findings and or recommendations.

6- Catholic Leadership Coaching

Fr Mark reported the Senior Leadership team continues to meet and work with the Catholic Leadership consultant hired by the parish.

7 – Parish Budgets

The parish budgets are being prepared and will be reviewed by the finance council and Fr. Mark in May 2021 before being submitted to the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2021.

Financial & Other Reports

Sunday Offertory

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget YTD was reviewed. Through March 2021, the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$23,142 through week 39. The 20-21 weekly budget is \$16,500. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to over 340 donors.

Food Pantry

Year to date donations are currently \$89,933 through March 2021, that's \$39,572 ahead of year to date March 2020. The food pantry continues to serve 50-60 families per week from our surrounding communities.

CMAA 2021

The parish surpassed its 2021 annual goal of \$95,000. Current pledges are \$144,164 from 495 donors through April 12, 2021. The current rebate the parish will receive is \$21,260.

Capital Campaign – Parking Lot Project

This June, the parish is concluding our five year campaign for the 2015 parking lot project. There is less than \$1,000 in outstanding pledges to be resolved by June 2021. A final capital campaign report will be issued to the parish along with the 2020-21 year-end financial reports.

School and Parish Family Analysis

The committee reviewed Sunday offertory giving over the past five years for all parish and school families. The parish currently has 1675 registered families on file with 1394 of them being active contributing families.

Diocese of Joliet Sunday Trend

The Diocese provided parishes with a twelve year history of Sunday collections throughout the Diocese. Overall Sunday collections have decreased 1.7% per year with a 7.5% decrease last fiscal year. Various reasons are cited for the decrease including the economy, job market, generational dynamics and the impact from COVID-19

Endowment Reports – Diocese of Joliet

The committee reviewed the DOJ report which can be found on our parish website under the finance council tab.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:00 am.

Next Finance Council Meeting – May 26, 2021 at 9:00 am