

Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – February 7, 2022 at 9:30 am
Virtual Meeting

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

Opening Prayer

Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:30 am with a prayer. The December 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Parish Business

Sunday Offertory YTD

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget for FY 21-22 was reviewed. Through the thirty first week of the FY 21-22, the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$15,543. The 21-22 weekly approved budget is \$17,000. Per the December 2021 finance meeting, a new weekly “objective/goal” of \$18,000 is being published with the monthly results in the bulletin. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to 390 donors.

Financial Reports

The parish financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the council. Religious education is operating at a surplus of \$11,000 and a subsidy for the 21-22 FY is not anticipated at this time. The parish operating account is reflecting a YTD positive cash flow of approximately \$200,000 with no significant budget issues. The parish deposit account balance is \$887,425 and the endowment account balance is \$362,781.

Religious Education

The program has completed its fifth month with 172 registered students in 1st -8th grade. First Communion and Confirmation are scheduled for May of 2022. Confirmation mass will be celebrated at Divine Savior in Downers Grove, in a joint mass with their students at the Diocese request to consolidate the mass for both parishes. First Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace.

Giving Tree

A report was reviewed and discussed regarding the 2021 Giving Tree program and further discussion will take place at upcoming finance meetings regarding the structure and procedures for the program moving forward.

Pastor's Report

Divine Renovation

Fr. Mark reported he is continuing to work with the consultant, Ron Huntley, on leadership coaching and how to form a new leadership model within the parish. Fr. Mark has identified his new service ministry team members that will be introduced to the parish during Lent. The service ministry team will assist in identifying areas in the parish to be renewed or improved and assist in the coordinating the ministries on a day to day basis.

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Mark reported that the newly formed Parish Pastoral Council is working with a consultant, Eileen Moore, on forming council structure. A chairperson will be selected in the coming weeks and their main focus will be to create the parish vision statement in the coming months. Eventually, the PPC will create a strategic plan for the parish. Fr Mark has deferred the introduction of the new PPC members from January 2022 until Lent.

Ministry Update

Younger Than Ever Seniors

The seniors group will meet on February 21st in the school to discuss future planning for the 2022 year. The group has been suspended since March 2020 due to COVID restrictions. Parish staff will assist with the coordination of senior events and needed communication.

Alpha Program

Alpha is scheduled for the second round of sessions beginning February 28th. Dc Pat will assume the role of coordinator for the second session.

Additional Reports

Food Pantry

Year to date donations through January are \$55,264. Donations are down \$16,049 from January 2021. 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 \$170,519 from 589 donors through January 10, 2022. The current rebate the parish will receive is \$52,794. The 2022 CMAA parish goal is \$95,800, which is up \$800 from the 2021 goal.

Reid Report

The Reid Group has completed the Diocesan assessment of the Blanchette Center, its departments and staff. The Bishop has the final report and recommendations and has assembled a task force to help guide this process. There are immediate, midterm and long term implementations to be considered.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:55 am.

**Next Finance Council Meeting - March 22, 2021 at
9:30 am - Library**