**Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – October 11, 2022**

**9:30 am Virtual**

ATTENDEES: Rev. Mark Baron, Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Lucas, Sandra Sobotka,

Kellie Moore -Business Manager, Absent - Bill Chromizky.

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**Opening Prayer**

1 – Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:30 am with a prayer. The August 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Parish Business**

**1 -Sunday Offertory YTD**

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget for FY 22-23 was reviewed. Through the end of week 13 the offertory is at a budget shortfall of $21,398. The 22-23 weekly budget is $18,000. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has remained at 410 donors.

**2 – Parish Master Plan**

We are in the process of scheduling site visits at other parish centers in the coming weeks. The Diocese of Joliet provided us with a list of approved vendors to interview for their capital campaign fundraising services. We plan to begin interviews in November 2022.

**3 – Annual Financial Report**

The annual parishioner financial report for FY ending 6/30/2022 and the FY budgets for 2022-23 will be circulated online and, in the parish bulletin the weekend of October 15, 2022. Hardcopies of the cover letter and report are also available in the church vestibule and parish office. Key financial data was communicated to the parish including the status of our PPP loan forgiveness, the positive overall cash position of the parish and the plan for a new parish center, warming kitchen and accessible washrooms.

**4 – DOJ Financial Report - note**

Prior to the 10/11/22 finance council meeting, the annual financial report for the FY ending 6/30/22 was reviewed by the finance council on 9/5/22 and approved for submission to the Diocesan Finance Office for recording.

**5 – Pastoral Council**

Fr. Mark continues to meet with his pastoral council and work on a parish assessment. He is still working on the introduction to the parish community in the coming weeks.

**6 – Divine Renovation**

Fr. Mark discussed a new program called Rescue that he is considering introducing at Our Lady of Peace. It would replace the former ALPHA program as an introduction course open to all parishioners.

**7 - Ministry Update**

**Younger Than Ever Seniors**

The next YTES luncheon – event will be held on November 21, 2022. The theme is “

Senior Appreciation” to thank all our senior parishioners for their ongoing support and dedication to our parish community. The YTES Christmas party will be held on December 12, 2022, at Alpine Banquets in Darien.

**8 – Blessing Trees**

The Works of Mercy Ministry is currently preparing to roll out the new Blessing Tree Program the weekend of Thanksgiving. There will be several opportunities for parishioners to donate and support families in need ranging from gift cards to adopting a family and purchasing Christmas gifts. The three organizations we have partnered with our Hope’s Front Door, City of Refuge – Chicago and our parish food pantry.

**Financial & Other Reports**

9 – Food Pantry

The September 2022 Food Pantry donations were $2,866 vs September expenses of $6,022. The food pantry has seen a decline in patrons in the past few weeks.

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

**Next Finance Council Meeting – November 29, 2022**