

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting –**  
**January 25, 2024**  
**9:30 am Library Meeting**

ATTENDEES: Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Lucas, Sandra Sobotka,  
Kellie Moore -Business Manager, Fr. Michael Baker

**Minutes**

The November minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Parish Business**

**1 -Sunday Offertory YTD**

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget for FY 23-24 was reviewed. Through the end of week twenty-seven the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$12,346. The 23-24 weekly budget is \$19,000. The parish received two large donations in December, a donation of \$50,000 for Sunday offertory and \$20,000 for Christmas, both donors wished to remain anonymous. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to 489.

**2- Capital Campaign**

The capital campaign parish wide phase has resulted in 395 total donors with \$931,638 in pledges and \$458,920 in payments for the parish center project. The parish currently has \$1,200,000 on deposit for the campaign. Fr. Michael will initiate his plan to relaunch the campaign with an updated campaign letter in the bulletin/website, new campaign video and he will reach out to donors personally to set up visits to discuss the campaign and parish center project. There will also be a second set of receptions held in partnership with the campaign chairman in February and March.

**3- Transportation**

The finance council discussed with Fr. Michael the need for a parish van due to the increased needs of the facility and ministry departments. The issue will be investigated further by the business manager in conjunction with the Diocese of Joliet and Catholic Mutual.

**Facilities**

**4- Rectory Building**

The current areas being addressed at the rectory are the installation of new carpet and LVT flooring, painting of many of the areas, installation of new lighting and repairs to current lighting, the purchase of furniture to allow for a living room and common area for the priests and guests to utilize. New windows and door systems are planned for FY 24-25.

## **5-Parish Center Washrooms**

The parish is seeing ongoing issues with both the first-floor hallway washrooms and former gymnasium locker room washrooms. Repairs are completed as needed and the possibility of remodeling those areas separate from the parish center project will be discussed with the Diocese of Joliet Building Department.

## **6- Stained Glass Window Project**

A third bid was secured to address the stained-glass window frames and other areas of the church windows. The bid was \$60,000 and will be presented to the DOJ buildings department for discussion. The scope doesn't include removal or replacement of the actual stained glass.

## **7 – Church Hall**

The Church Hall will be open for parish use beginning in February 2024. The same facility procedures and processes will be followed and adhered to for all who use the space. It was discussed and decided that new furniture would not be purchased for the church hall at this time. The current tables and chairs in the hall will be utilized.

## **8 – Pastor's Report**

Fr. Michael is securing a music coordinator from our current music department staff who would assist with the coordination of musicians for masses and sacraments. A stipend would be issued for additional services. The finance council was in support of this decision.

## **9 – Confession Schedule**

Fr. Michael will begin offering daily confessions Monday through Friday at noon beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **10- Priests Assignments**

Fr. Michael informed the council that Fr. Angelo Casimiro will be assigned to Our Lady of Peace Parish as Parochial Vicar and will arrive in early February.

Fr. Michael reconsecrated the church to Mary on January 1<sup>st</sup> on the Solemnity of Mary. He added a second day of Adoration every Wednesday and hopes to eventually have 24/7 adoration. He initiated the program Bible in a Year that began on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Financial & Other Reports**

Endowment Report 12-31-23

CMAA – The 2023 CMAA report

The next Finance Council meeting date is March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am