

Saint Clement Church
Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2024

Members in attendance: Father Rosenbaum, Ralph Trofino, John Saracena, Pete Hohrun, Chris Hohrun, and Susan Stem. Absent: Karen Esaias, Diane Lopez, Bill Riner and Matthew Sheridan.

We opened the meeting with a prayer.

The September 21, 2023, minutes were approved. A motion was made by John and seconded by Pete.

Budget and Finance Committee: John reported on the Financial Statements for the period through December 31, 2023. Everything was approved and accepted by the committee. We had a good month in December with collections. Although we continue to incur expenses for the upkeep of the parish and school property, the rental income from Soaring Heights has helped to offset some of those costs. We transferred some funds from a Checking Account into a Money Market Account and are earning a higher rate of interest.

Planning and Development Committee: Soaring Heights signed a three-year lease for the rental of the school building. They are also renting two additional rooms in the Clementian Center. They are planning to put a playground up by the basketball court in the future.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee: Pete reported that the school roof is currently leaking and is being temporarily patched and repaired. It is inevitable that the roof will need to be replaced in the future. A new rectory furnace will also need to be installed. The maintenance contract for Marc Services is up for renewal. Father will review the contract and renew it for an additional two years. The Church was beautifully decorated, both inside and outside, during Christmas. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the decorations. Not only did they spread joy to our parishioners who visited the Church and attended Mass, but also to the people in our community who drove by St. Clement Church during the holiday season.

Fundraisers: Ralph reviewed the fundraisers that were held in the fall. They were all very successful and we appreciate everyone's support.

- A Soup and Haluski Sale fundraiser will be held during Lent. The committee is looking for volunteers to assist. Additional details will be announced in the bulletin.
- Chris reported that at this time, the Parish Council has decided to defer the Craft Show until next year.
- The Scrip Program is still available before and after masses and during the week at the Rectory. Purchasing your gift cards through the Church is a great income generator. We appreciate everyone's support.

New Business: Father mentioned that Lent is right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers for the Stations of the Cross, which will be held on Friday evenings during Lent.

Father reported that we are looking for additional representatives for the Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact Father.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The closing prayer was led by Father.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan K. Stem, Secretary