

Saint Clement Church  
Finance Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2025

Members in attendance: Father Rosenbaum, Ralph Trofino, John Saracena, Pete Hohrun, Bill Riner, Diane Lopez, Laurie Sonoski, and Susan Stem.

We opened the meeting with a prayer.

We welcomed Laurie Sonoski to the group. She will be representing the Parish Council.

**Budget and Finance Committee:** John reported on the Financial Statements for the period through January 31, 2025. We continue to see a decrease in our revenue while still incurring expenses for the upkeep of the parish and school property.

**Planning and Development Committee:** The rental agreement with Soaring Heights is going well. It is a financial benefit because the income received is helping to offset some expenses. They are looking to install a new locking system. There is a potential interested party looking to rent the Adult Ed Center.

**Facilities and Maintenance Committee:** The rectory furnace has been completed. The school roof has also been replaced. There is a minor condensation issue in the school library, which will be resolved when the weather breaks. We are looking to coat and paint new lines on the parking lot. The Adult Ed Center's boiler passed inspection. There are some bricks on the school wall that are falling and will need replaced.

**Fundraisers:**

- Volunteers will be getting together on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> to make Haluski for the upcoming sale. There will also be a Potato Soup sale during Lent. Apple Pies will be sold after mass this weekend.
- The Gas 'n Cash Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to all who sold or purchased tickets.

**New Business:**

- John Concannon and team are looking for ways for individuals who watch Mass on YouTube to be able to donate online to the parish. It appears that PayPal may be the most inexpensive way to collect those donations. It was recommended that a clip be added at the end of each video with details on how to make donations. Susan suggested having the option of accepting credit card payments. More research will follow.
- Father mentioned about the Jubilee 2025. We are looking into the possibility of providing transportation to the churches on the Passports. This would be a wonderful way to see and experience the different churches in other areas (ex. State College), especially for those individuals who prefer not to drive themselves.
- Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th for a full day of Hope and Renewal with the parish family and special guest speaker and musician, Taylor Tripodi. Taylor will also give a concert that evening.
- The Valentine's Day Mass for parish widows/widowers was wonderful. Thank you to Ruth Morello, Nancy Stamplis, Julie Wagner and the team for coordinating such a nice event.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Susan K. Stem, Secretary*