

HOLY CROSS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Holy Cross Parish Statement of Mission: Having been gifted with the life of the Lord, we the Parish Family of Holy Cross also accept our mission from Him. Our Mission is TO PRAISE THE FATHER, proclaim His word, and instruct the coming generation. TO ENCOUNTER THE SON in the sacraments and walk in the way of faith, hope, and love; TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, welcome each other, share our faith and blessings, bring our sacrifices, and be strengthened in the Father's service.

- Members present: Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Tonya Hall, Fr. Steven, Kevin Blank, Sharon Edwards, Cindy Blank, Sherry Geier, Pam Blank, Holly Nettleton, Tony Kuenstler, Carl Will
- Naming of Concerns by Parishioners/Guest Present- Cemetery Committee-Carl Weidner
- Financial Review-Monthly collections this calendar year range between \$9200-\$13000. Building fund collections (not re-build) have range between \$3100-\$3700.
- **Building and Grounds**
 - Cemetery-Carl Weidner and Kelly Geier discussed opening the east side of the cemetery. Plans include: dividing the east property into four sections (will sell from the southwest corner once the west cemetery property is full), contracting Smithenry Concrete to pour four "runners" (rows of concrete to set stones on) and a sidewalk at an approximate \$19,000 cost, creating a driveway, planting bushes on the south side of the property, and thoughts about a memorial/prayerful space.
 - Kevin Blank/Meagher Signs and Graphics (labor donated) are replacing road signs for Holy Cross Church. The one at Wakefield corner is already in place.
 - New locks will be placed on Caroline and secretary doors
 - updated computers and copy machine have been ordered for the Parish House
 - garage sale is completed (sofa, table, and mower remain to donate-contact Sherry Geier if you are interested in those items or are willing to haul them for donation)
 - landscaping maintenance ongoing
 - Parish House gutters are not usable as is, we will plan a workday to repair under Ben's guidance.
 - Trash can(s) for playground will be purchased
 - We will contract with Zimdars to replace the furnace and air conditioners for the Parish House (these are the originals and are 40+ years old, not efficient, and difficult to find repair parts). Cost will be about \$19,000.
 - Church restoration-
 - waiting on lights (July) to remove scaffolding
 - flooring installation is scheduled for August, pews will be scheduled after that
 - drywall work is completed in bathroom, gathering space, and maintenance room
 - sacristy ceiling repair and replacement is happening this week
 - next parishioner walk through will occur after scaffolding is removed
 - stained glass windows scheduled for week of June 10
 - fundraising-updates via bulletin
- **St. Joseph School Support**
 - Update from Tammy Rudolphi. Holly Nettleton will take over this duty at their next meeting. The school year ended well, and enrollment is good. Josy Hart will begin principal duties next school year.
- **Church Ministries**

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- Pastoral Associate & CRE-Caroline & Ashley-Family Catechesis- Family Catechesis will broaden its focus during the upcoming year. Fr. Steven will offer “Family Talks”, more CYM involvement, family prayer life, and more social and fellowship opportunities for all. Vacation bible school has 45 children registered. It will be held in Stringtown this year due to lack of space in Wendelin. Saints in training has 52 people signed up to learn in July. Adult faith formation provides women’s groups in Wendelin and Stringtown, a men’s group meets in Wendelin, and a young adult group.
- Family Life-Cindy, Tammy-doughnuts were welcomed by parishioners last Sunday morning. Other activities are planned, but not scheduled at this time.
- Youth-Tyler and youth will begin the painting process and look for best options for flooring and furniture. He will check in with Father or Council before making furniture purchases. We will also purchase a refrigerator for the basement. Other items will be donated. The youth will have three rooms available to them once the project is completed. During the upcoming school year, Tyler will be developing connections with the middle school-aged youth as well as high schoolers and will be utilizing established educational programs.
- **Picnic-** replacement tents have been delivered to Wakefield. The picnic committee will remove ones under pavilion.
- **Pastor Report – (Fr. Steven)**
 - Pastoral Vision for Belleville Diocese- All are encouraged to read the document and expect to hear our priests reference that plan over the next three years. Words and actions supporting “family”, “stewardship”, and “revitalization” will be key.
- Date & Time of Next Meeting-August 8, 2024 7:00 p.m.
- Motion for Adjournment & Blessing