

**Parish Finance Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**

Fr. Statz opened with a prayer.

**Present:** Mary Caskey, Denise Gathje, Ken Lutgen, Dave Stang, Josie Stang, Alan Stommes. Guest: Tracy Lutgen. Not in attendance: Jerry Boeckmann, Megan Ludwig, Paul Ludwig, Anita Neu and Parish secretary Brenda Kraemer.

Prior to officially starting the meeting, a report was made by Tracy Lutgen on her and Jeff's cleaning of the church. Reviewed timeline, materials. The committee reminded Tracy the church will pay for supplies. Discussed professional cleaning of carpeting can be done as needed. Tracy will keep in touch on this closer to spring. All thanked Tracy for her report, and for her and Jeff and her family's work.

**Routine Matters:** A motion was made by Dave Stang, seconded by Ken Lutgen, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021. Motion carried. An addition to the agenda was made by Ken Lutgen -- to discuss the church's vaporizer for the boiler. A motion was made by Mary Caskey, seconded by Alan Stommes to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**New Business:** President Denise Gathje welcomed new member, Alan Stommes. Dave presented a request by the Men's Society to ask if their representative needs to attend every meeting. Men's Society meets usually once per year and would not have any regular input. No discussion at this time as the review of the bylaws may impact any decisions. Bylaws and name change of Council: Rather than review the bylaws at this meeting, Mary Caskey suggested an ad-hoc committee meet to review the documents and make suggested changes to the council. Committee to include Mary Caskey, Ken Lutgen, Denise Gathje and Dave Stang.

**Parish Dinner:** Usually held in March, the parish dinner has been canceled for this year, again due to Covid health concerns. This parish event sponsored by Christian Women will hopefully return in 2023.

**Altar Servers:** Fr. Statz said that Fr. Eric is working on trying to organize this for the parish communities.

**Vaporizer:** Ken explained that the vaporizer behind the church (to heat the gas in winter for the boiler) is approaching the end of its usability after about 25 years. Jack's Gas representative estimates the cost of a new one at about \$5,000. Jack's Gas knows of the possibility of used ones becoming available maybe by summer. These would be about 7 years old. All agreed that Ken should stay in touch with Jack's representative and compare used cost with new cost for best decision for future purchase.

**Old Business:** The Parish pictorial directories are in church and available to all families. Heating for the parish office remains an issue, and Ken will get in touch with repair person again. Salaries for employee and 1099 staff were reviewed. Discussion tabled until next meeting to provide time for research to compare with other local churches.

**Reports:**

Financial Reports. Ken mentioned the December increase for Maintenance Bldg/Grounds was for a \$900+ tester for the boiler water's chemical balance. Income for the last six months is at \$13,265 over expenses. Ken Lutgen motioned to approve financial reports, seconded by Dave Stang. Motion carried. Dave reported that the Area Catholic Community Council will be ratifying the 5-parish constitution at their next meeting.

Parish Secretary: no report as Brenda was not present.

Cemetery Committee report from Mary Caskey is that tree trimming will be next project.

Maintenance Committee from Ken was on the vaporizer and water tester. Fr. Statz mentioned an issue with the organ needing some work.

Christian Women: no report.

Men's Society: Dave reported that the new president is Lee Bautch, who will attend the March meeting. As the Parish confirms the role of the Christian Women's and Men's Society on this committee, it will determine future attendances for both representatives.

Religious Education: Fr. Statz said the religious ed staff are putting together plans for continued events, and that the Family Faith Formation seems to be working very well. He commended them on being a very well-organized team. Father Statz did not have any additional pastor's comments.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Bylaws; Salaries; Vaporizer update; New Officers for this year's council.

**Next Meeting** will be Monday, March 14 at 7 pm.

Mary Caskey made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dave Stang. Motion carried.