

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LONSDALE, MN

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 24, 2017

Present: Joe, Jeanette, Milt, Father VanDenBroeke. Absent: Larry, Mark. Guest: Theresa Hyde

Meeting was opened with prayer led by Father at 7 pm. Motion was made by Milt, seconded by Jeanette to approve minutes of the July meeting. Motion approved.

Motion by Jeanette to accept the July financial reports as presented by Theresa. Motion seconded by Milt and approved.

Father reported he closed out a CD and funds were transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

The budget for FY2018 was reviewed and approval is required by AUP. Council members are to review the budget at home and see if there are some things that could be changed so we can eliminate or reduce the proposed shortfall of \$30,144.00.

Theresa will contact the Lonsdale Telephone Co. and see if we can discontinue the phone service in the Social Hall. She will also check into the office copier lease and see if there are some possible cost savings there.

Motion by Jeanette, seconded by Milt to postpone sending out Father's letter regarding our current financial position until we send out the required financial report to parishioners. Motion approved.

Father stated he would like to make changes to the "Stewardship" box in the bulletin. He wants to strictly show our weekly envelope budget, what was actually received and the over/under amount and eliminate all the other categories. He will work on that and email to the Council for approval.

Father will also be starting a Kids collection at Mass. Children will be given the opportunity to come up to Father and deposit their gift into a basket which the altar server will then carry to the back of Church and give to the ushers.

Motion by Jeanette, seconded by Milt to move \$15,000.00 from the festival account to the general account. Motion approved.

Father is also thinking of charging fees for weddings and funerals for use of the Church if the person is a non-parishioner. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Motion made by Milt, seconded by Jeanette to adjourne. Closing prayer was led by Father.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21.

Milt Trnka, Acting Secy.