Minutes - St. Mary Finance Committee, August 31, 2026, Noon, Parish Center**(subject to approval at next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was lead by Austin
2. Present: Jim Schlueter, Tom Augustyn, Austin Greve, Lisa Kies; absent: Sharon Keehner
3. Approve Agenda: Added Rectory Water/Electric Meter and Musician Compensation; Motion by Austin/2nd by Tom to approve the agenda with the additions; all in favor; motion carried.
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Tom/2nd by Austin to approve minutes of prev meeting; all in favor; motion carried
5. Communications/Guests: None
6. Old Business
   a) Building Report Card and progress on insurance co. findings: light switches have been installed in the sacristy; list of insurance inspection findings are being reviewed/addressed;
      i) will weed eat the playground and apply more roundup;
      ii) Higher toilet in women's restroom in Parish Center – the toilet in the office area is higher – will advise those needing higher toilet to use that one;
      iii) boys bathroom on first floor of the parish center will become a unisex restroom because it is handicap accessible. Signage will be ordered.
   b) Rectory outside painting, column replacement and rear patio – columns were replaced; painting has been completed;
   c) Bat Control – followed up with company; waiting for return call and plan;
      i) Jim will contact Jaeger Associates for a quote on redoing the soffit and fascia on the steeples
   d) Signage – signage has been purchased and received; will be installed soon
   e) Parking lot line painting – Eastern Iowa Asphalt did the Eagles; Lisa will call and get an estimate;
   f) Laptop and print server for office have been installed and are working great!
7. New Business
   a) Ramp for Church basement – contacting contractors
   b) Electric and Water Meters for Rectory—rectory utilities are a pastorate expense; currently estimating water and electrical usage; separate meters would be more accurate. Obtaining quotes from plumbing and electrical contractors on the cost to do this;
   c) Musician Compensation: discussed but no action
   d) July Finance Report – motion by Austin/2nd by Tom to approve; all in favor; motion carried
   e) Approve Bills—motion by Tom/2nd by Austin to approve; all in favor; motion carried
      i) Pastorate Expenses – the breakout of each parishes share of the pastorate expenses are as follows:

3.00%	Volga	7.10%	Strawberry Point
3.90%	Colesburg	8.80%	Elkader
4.50%	Clermont	9.40%	West Union
4.60%	Fayette	11.90%	Edgewood
6.00%	Sumner	12.70%	Guttenberg
6.30%	Garnavillo	21.80%	Oelwein

8. Closing Prayer was lead by Austin
9. Adjourn Meeting; motion by Austin/2nd by Tom; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned at 1:00pm
10. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm; St. Joseph Parish Center, Elkader. This is the quarterly meeting with Fr. Huber;