

Minutes - St. Mary Finance Committee, Nov 24, 2025, Noon, Parish Center(**subject to approval at next mtg**)

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Present: Jim Schlueter, Marv Althoff, Jeff Burr, Tom Augustyn, Austin Greve, Sharon Keehner, Fr. Paul; Lisa Kies; Guest: Chris Schoen
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Austin/2nd by Tom; all in favor; motion carried.
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Tom/2nd by Marv; all in favor; motion carried
5. Communications/Guests
 - a. Chris Schoen from FOSM was present to discuss the amount of land that will be involved in the sale of the convent. Chris indicated FOSM would pay for the surveyor costs and lawyer fees. After some discussion it was agreed that a 50x100 lot would go with the convent with 50 ft going North/South and 100 ft going east/west; The sidewalk between the convent and parish center would belong to St. Mary's Church but an easement would be granted to allow the FOSM to use the sidewalk. Chris left after this discussion(approx. 12:20pm)
6. Old Business
 - a) Rectory roof – Asbestos removal contractors are behind schedule; Committee questioned whether the work would start before spring and discussed getting a portion or all of our down payment back or having the contractor pay for the interest charges incurred until work can begin. No action taken but will discuss at December's meeting.
 - b) Building Report Card – Jim put together a list of items. Committee to review, make any additions and come to the next meeting with the top 3 priorities.
 - c) Church basement door into Brinkmann Hall Kitchen – replaced hinges with spring hinges which are working well.
 - d) Tuckpointing of NW Corner of Church – nothing to report
 - e) Deacon Jim's Appreciation Party – bills paid for food were \$347; less than \$500 budget;
 - f) Monstrance – backordered until December
 - g) NCYC – receipts for food; trading items and t-shirts were \$1390.47
 - h) Convent Sale-see above discussion under communications/guests
 - i) Fall Fundraiser Recap --on raffle – paid out \$1000 as some winners donated part/all of winnings back to the church.
7. New Business
 - a) Soccer Field – Lisa reported overwhelming majority of responses were to sell the soccer field. Discussion ensued and several questions surfaced needing clarification from the Archdiocese:
 - i) Any tax implications on land that was gifted?
 - ii) After new pastorates are formed, if land is sold that originally belonged to St. Mary's, does the money from the sale stay with 'parish' that originally owned the land or does the new pastorate finance/council decide
 - iii) When new pastorates are formed, do restricted funds continue with their restriction?
 - b) Loan Repayment – motion by Sharon/2nd by Tom to repay \$5,000 per month on the rectory roof loan; all were in favor; motion carried
 - c) Sound System—WhiteDove Electronics was here on Nov 22 and added an amplifier to the choir loft and installed 2 additional speakers under the choir loft
 - d) Faith Formation Stipends – motion by Tom/2nd by Marv to pay FF teachers and helpers that are not on payroll \$100/ea in Guttenberg Bucks; all were in favor; motion carried.
 - e) October Finance Report – motion by Austin/2nd by Sharon to approve October Finance Report; all were in favor; motion carried
 - f) Approve Bills –motion by Marv/2nd by Tom; all in favor; motion carried
8. Closing Prayer was said
9. Adjourn Meeting; motion by Austin/2nd by Tom; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned at 1:15pm
10. Next Meeting, December 22, Noon