

St. Francis Finance Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016

Present: Scot Michelson, Fr. Jim, Lauren Fink (Confirmation Student), Rick Fink, Gordon Murray-John, Delores Thom (Bookkeeper), Mike McFadden, Wayne O'Brien, Elaine Reicks, Holly Streeter & Cindy Jacob (Recorder).

Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Jim for Joann Ries.

I. Approval of Minutes & Agenda: Wayne O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes and Mike McFadden seconded the motion. Motion carried. Elaine Reicks motioned to approve the agenda after Mike McFadden added Lawn Mowing to the Building & Grounds Agenda. Wayne O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Approval of the Finance Statement: Elaine Reicks motioned to approve the Finance Statement and seconded by Wayne O'Brien. Motion carried.

III. Building & Grounds:

- A. Lawn Mowing: Mike McFadden reported that Kollin Brownell has agreed to mow the lawn this year for the same price as last year.
- B. Roof: Shingles have been replaced on the garage roof by Warren Baker and the bill has been paid. Scot Michelson discussed the need to start looking at replacing the roof on the main part of the church. It was said that the existing roof is approximately 25 years old. Fr. Jim told about a company out of Illinois that does steel shingles to match the existing shingles. Fr. agreed to check into the company and see what the cost would run. The question of doing sheet steel was also brought up. Continued discussion will take place once Fr. has gotten information from the company out of Illinois.

IV. Cluster Reports:

- A. Cluster Pastoral: At the Cluster Pastoral Council meeting January 28th Fr. asked how the council felt about lining up a bus trip to Dubuque to the St. Raphael Cathedral, the Basilica in Dyersville and dinner at Breitbach's in Balltown. The council all felt that it was a great idea and during Lent would be a good time to go. Fr. Jim agreed to set up the tour and get all the details out to the parishioners in the Cluster. Fr. has since lined up the Holy Year of Mercy Tour set to take place on Sunday, March 20th. The cost of the trip is \$50 and will include transportation on a chartered bus through Legacy Tour & Travel out of Decorah, as well as a noon home style buffet lunch at Breitbach's In Balltown.
- B. Cluster Faith Formation: Holly Streeter reported about all the events that have taken place within Faith Formation. Faith Formation is continuing to have Bingo at Maple Crest Manor once a month, NCYC have done their presentation at all of the Cluster Parishes, and there was a Confirmation Prayer and Pasta on Sunday, February 21st at Holy Name Parish that went real well. Communal Penance was cancelled due to bad weather, and that the teachers have been doing Children Protection with the students as they do each year. April 16th there will be a cluster wide retreat Fr. Jim talked about a Middle School Youth Rally in Waterloo that all students will be encouraged to attend. The students will pay a fee of \$10

and the Cluster will pick up the rest of the cost. Elaine Reicks wanted to thank the NCYC students for their great presentations.

- C. Cluster Finance: Fr. Jim explained that the high cost of the priests substitute category on the Finance Report was a mix up and told what the correct amount should have been. There was no Cluster Finance meeting in December due to bad weather but everything was said to be on target. The next Cluster Finance meeting is set for April 26th at 7:00 pm at St. Francis.

- D. Liturgy: The next meeting for Cluster Liturgy is next Thursday, March 3rd and planning for Holy Week will take place. Holy Thursday, March 24th there will be a Parish Potluck followed by Mass at Sumner & West Union. On Holy Saturday, March 26th the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St. Francis at 8:00 pm.

V. Parish Life:

A. There will be a funeral at St. Francis on Monday, February 29th. The funeral committee chair is out of town so Gordon Murray-John has offered to get things set up for the funeral reception. No one has approached Gordon about stepping up to take over Parish Life so he will continue to do coffee & rolls as well as other Cluster functions held at St. Francis.

B. Parish Spring Dinner: In lieu of the Parish Spring Dinner there will be a Parish Potluck on Sunday, April 10th following Mass.

- C. Cluster First Communion will be held at St. Francis on May 1st at 2:00 pm. There will be a big reception to follow. Cake or cupcakes, ice cream & coffee will be served.

VI. Parish Data Report: Statistics show that St. Francis is a healthy financial parish that is holding its own. Fr. talked about how the parish has members spread out over a wide area and college students and faculty members of UIU who populate the parish. It was reported that there are two college student teaching Faith Formation classes this year. Fr. also reported that there were approximately 75 people at the Ash Wednesday service at UIU.

Fr. Jim closed the meeting with a prayer for the faculty and students of UIU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Jacob, recorder