

**St. Frances of Rome  
Parish Council Meeting  
June 21, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. Lou Meiman, Mary Masick, Dutch Boehnlein, Jane Wehner, Therese Bawa, Bill Johnston, Laura Harpring, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Sharon, Coonan, Suzann McGarvey

**Absent:** Mary Keyer, Greg Brotzge, Shannon Burns, Ward Robinson

**Opening Prayer-** Sharon C. opened the meeting with a prayer and mission statement.

**Mary Masick** asked the council if anyone had suggestions of any parishioners who might be interested in joining the council to replace Jane Wehner and Shannon Burns, as they will be rolling off. Jane W. reported that Anne Hogan may be a possible replacement. Sharon C. suggested either Steve or Melanie Ahr might be interested. Mary Masick reported that Fr. Lou would contact the new members to join by the August meeting. Mary also reported that the new members will need to be aware of the guidelines of being on the council.

**Sharon Coonan** reported that the suggested dates for the SFR/SL joint council retreat are either the 16th or the 30th of September. Suzann will send an email out to the council requesting what the best date is for the PC members.

**Dutch Boehnlein** presented the proposed 2023/24 parish budget. He reported that the finance committee is made up of Dutch, Mary Masick, Carole Sheehan and Bob Adams. He reported that collections are up by \$10,000 due to parishioners returning after Covid. The Finance Committee budgeted \$494,360 for income, which is a \$19,760 increase from last year. Parish staff salaries are showing an increase due the archdiocese suggesting a 4% increase in pay. Supplies and services have not been changed much. \$1,000 was budgeted for the Parish Council retreat. Dutch reported that property liability insurance has gone up 30%. Building repairs & Maintenance showed \$21,000 in expenses last year due to painting and church repairs. A new camera security system will be installed. A \$7,500 downpayment was made for security cameras. The budget for Bereavement is staying the same as last year. Not much was spent on bereavement last year due to families choosing other options, such as going out to a restaurant. The Finance Committee kept the same amount in the budget. The budget is showing \$521,754 in expenses, which is a deficit of \$27,394. The hope is that we will still be able to make our budget and not be in the negative. Dutch believes it will actually be \$11,000-\$12,000 surplus. The budget will be watched throughout the year and tweaked if needed. Four projects that have either begun or planned to begin are:

Finish Sound system (in progress)  
Installing Cameras (in progress)  
Organ Repairs  
Church windows Repairs

Therese asked about budget for children's formation, youth group, young families, formation for children. Due to the changes in the new accounting system, the budget for formation was submitted in a different category.

**Fr. Lou** said that the archdiocese is enrolled in a program similar to a "go fund me" that could be an option for fundraising.

**Sr. Agnes** reported that she cut the order to 6 dozen donuts for Donut Sunday and suggested to order the same for the rest of the summer. The Donut Sunday will be moved in October to the 8<sup>th</sup> for Dedication of St. Frances of Rome.

- **Next Meeting – August 8, 2023 (no meeting in July)**