

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Finance Council Minutes
January 23, 2020**

Attendance:						
Term	Member	Aug. 9	Oct. 17	Jan. 23		
2020-2	Steve Lynch - Chair	P	P	P		
2022-2	Tom Achen - Vice Chair	P	P	P		
2021-2	Lori Gebel - Sec	P	P	P		
2020-2	Roger DeSloover	P	A	P		
2021	Ron Leibold	P	P	P		
2022	Erica Bodensteiner	P	P	A		

The regular Finance Council meeting was called to order on January 23, 2020 at 6:30 in Fort Atkinson. Father Aaron began the meeting with prayer. The members reviewed the minutes from the October meeting, which were accepted by consensus. Next, the members reviewed the financial statements including the profit/loss sheet and balance sheet. Upkeep of Buildings & Grounds was higher than in the past because of the rectory and ½ of the mower sale was paid to the cemetery. It was noted that \$13,050.00 has come in so far for the roof.

New Business: The council discussed paintings for the Sanctuary. Father Aaron suggested purchasing two 24”x30” canvas size paintings for approximately \$3,600 to reside on the stands on either side of the tabernacle that is original to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The finance council agreed to put \$500 towards this purchase. Tara mentioned looking at unrestricted funds to see if there is any money available there to go towards purchasing the paintings. It was also discussed that the Parish Society will be paying for a new and lighter processional cross since the old one is top heavy and hard to carry.

Old Business: The council discussed the church roof. Steve spoke with Duane Wurzer who was involved when the roof was fixed 12-15+ years ago. At that time, Grube was approved by the Archdiocese to complete the repairs. Steve suggested we get a new quote from Grube that would include fixing the specific issues recommended by the ISG architectural firm. Then we could put together a narrative along with the bid and a statement that “it was a previously approved design” or “past practice” by the engineer 12-15 years ago. The council agreed that we should get a new estimate from Grube as soon as possible.

The council discussed the parish rectory. The Fire Department has done some trainings there and will continue using it for training until it is ready to take down in the spring.

Ken has inquired about whether new speakers could be installed on the side walls in place of the old speakers that were removed a long time ago. Father Aaron suggested to speak with the musicians to see if they have any knowledge about it and why the old speakers were removed at that time. Ken also asked Steve about installing a fan under the choir loft.

The meeting ended at 7:00. The next meeting will be April 23, 2020.

Submitted by Lori