

Pax Christi Collaborative Finance Council

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Fr. Chris Rhodes, Business Manager Lisa Baxter

Council Members: Bob Malloy, Jerry Raque, Paul Moon, Judie Greiner, Jeff Korfhage, Joe Germain, and Bob Schroeder

Excused: Carl Heger

Absent: Monty Reeves

Recording Secretary: Clare Vize

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened by Fr. Chris.

Lisa asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the financial statements she sent out. Carl had questions, but Lisa answered them over the phone since he would not be present. The month end folders were on site and made available for the Council to review.

Lisa informed the group that the newest member, Katie West, had resigned before the meeting was set. She was not happy with the 5:30 OMOS Mass change and decided to resign from Council.

In the bulletin this week we are announcing the AmazonSmile program, which all three parishes are now enrolled.

Regarding items in the report Lisa had sent previously to all Council members:

Spare instruments at St. Elizabeth: do we want to move them out? Regina Herdt is trying to find a buyer. The Council decided to wait and see what happens.

Judie asked about the former sponsors for KidZone – can we contact them and see if there's a use for the KidZone items? Could we contact other charitable organizations, such as Home of the Innocents to see if they will accept our donated items so they can get the best use for it? We could ask those original donors in the bulletin to contact us to see where we can best use these items and give your opinion on what to do with the stuff in KidZone.

Regarding the organ: Judie will contact some churches to see if they can use it, after asking Regina first what she wants to do with it. Joe added that some rural parishes might have a use for it too; could we contact them as well?

Regarding pews at St. Elizabeth: what to do with the extra pews? Judie and Paul want to put them back where they came from; they are not ready to get rid of them. Paul suggested we talk to cantors to see what they think too. The smaller pews in the choir loft can go because they're short and don't match the ones downstairs. Pews in St. Elizabeth's garage are longer; they came from the back of church to make room for the platform. Paul offered to measure them and see what we've got. Bob S. asked if the set up works for weddings, and Father Chris said it does work.

OMOS pews: Jeff said to get rid of them – they're so long they're actually in sections. Joe G concurred.

Regarding fryers between St. Elizabeth and St. Therese: who owns them? Bob S. thinks St. E does. The issue is making sure its cleaned properly after usage. Also, they need to be stored properly too. Lisa stated that someone came to the office asking to purchase them. Paul asked about the gas line that feeds the fryer: a plumber can shut it off inside the building but once they're gone, we should cap them. We should call Mr. Bill to take care of it. Bob S. said we should mention it to Jimmy or Theresa Willinger too before getting rid of them, and he agreed to call them. Keith doesn't want to fry anymore either. What kind of price should we ask for? Should we have the interested party make us an offer? Could DINE help? Lisa has called them but has not received a call back. Paul suggested Sivori Catering and said he would call them and ask for their help. We should ask the Pfister family or an independent person outside the parish for their advice. Lisa wants to inventory them and get the model numbers, age of the equipment and asked for help with this. Bob S. said he will recommend someone. Carla and Debbie want to have a yard sale sometime in mid-October, but we are no where near ready for that.

Judie asked about the cost of keeping the small pilot lights on for the fryers, around \$100 a month per LG&E, so she will take care of turning them off.

St. Elizabeth's garage is rented to Arnie, who is behind on rent. Lisa sent letters. He has a door that OMOS can use, and we'll buy it but the money is going towards rent. He still owes \$2,450.00 going back to November, 2016. He keeps making promises to pay but doesn't. Paul and/or Judie will speak to him because the rental money is an item in our budget. Lisa felt evicting him doesn't solve the problem because it won't be rented; every disagreed and said that garages are a hot commodity. There is a van parked in the way – Lisa was not aware that it was back since the picnic. It needs to go or Lisa will have it towed.

The bell project at St. Elizabeth: Paul suggested it be done right away. A bequest from Jo Ann Teske's estate can be used for the entire project, and we can call it "Jo Ann's bell." Lisa will talk to the Verdin Company. How will we communicate this to parishioners? Paul will get a plaque made to go up there. Can Judie write up a bulletin blurb to the community? She shared how bad of shape it is and what it's costing to repair it.

Rentals at St. Therese: Bob and Carla Schroeder have offered assistance and Judie can help with St. Elizabeth. Next month they will sit down with Lisa once she revamps the process and will discuss it at the next Finance Council meeting. Lisa will work up an info fact sheet for each parish that we can email when someone calls the office to inquire about a rental. This should answer most of their questions and save Lisa some time. It's hard to rent St. Therese gym because the tables have to be taken down or set up and it makes trouble for the bingo.

Bob S. is waiting on Lisa for information for his community talk. It will be going in the bulletin too, but needs to be simplified. All three parishes on one sheet will be tight, so we'll make it one per sheet. Judie suggested we leave extras in the back of churches.

Lisa explained that Fr. Gray tried to pay for sodas for his party, and she refused to take his money. Bob S. said he tried to get him to tell him how much it cost, and he made up a figure to give him. Lisa reiterated that we will not charge him for supplies for his own party!

We are desperate for OMOS bingo volunteers, especially now that the chairperson is out too. Paul stated that Dutch Boehnlein is interested, and Lisa asked him to have him call the office. We now have 2 callers, Dutch (George) would be the third. We will also lose a collection counter at the end of the year and so we are taking suggestions. Jeff suggested Lee Holtzmann.

Apartment rentals: the property manager has been hired, the bed bug problem will be solved next week, so hopefully it will be OK to rent in the next few weeks. We will have to put in some upgrades this year, so we will take a hit financially, but we should be able to raise the price of the rent when it does become available.

Judie said on September 2nd the Friends of the Library helped pack and took books from the old St. Rose School. The only thing they didn't take was Catholic books or books on the liturgy. Judie found a recycler who will take those books and any paper for no cost and he sells it to a recycler who turns it into pulp. Judie needs help organizing it to be able to get it to him.

A discussion ensued about the 5:30 p.m. Mass going away at OMOS on Saturday nights. Fr. Chris gave insights on why he made the decision.

Lisa is having a meeting with Linda Inlow next week about the St. T Card Party. Monty is supposed to be running a cornhole tournament but he can't commit at this point though. We need 90 days' notice on the permit and an activity request form is available on the website. She asked the St. E Council members if they are having a fundraiser? Can we make a decision on St. E's picnic for 2018? Paul and Judie stated they have been discussing a watered down (1 day) version of a picnic.

Paul mentioned Father possibly contacting Henry and Mary Frick, good benefactors of St. E at one time. They paid for the Stations in church, plus KidZone, and then disappeared after some hurt feelings. Could we send a letter to them saying we appreciate everything they've done for St. E in the past? Fr. Chris said he spoke to them when he first came here. They wanted to renovate the rectory and said they would contribute towards the roof repairs. He said to call them when he was ready to discuss the rectory. Paul, Judie, and Fr. Chris will call him together.

Jerry stated he needs to reserve the gym at St. E on December 14-15 for food baskets.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.