

SACRED HEART FINANCE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023

Members Present: James Guzman, Dave Poxon, Father Portelli, Tom Smyczynski, Jill Witkowski, Dave Cooper, Char Davis.

Absent Dave Greaves

Opening Prayer led by Father.

Approved Minutes from May 11th meeting.

Election of officers- Dave Cooper's Chair position expired; Dave Cooper will stay on council. Dave Poxon has been nominated to replace Cooper and he has accepted. Dave Greaves has been nominated as Vice Chair. James Guzman will remain recording secretary.

Energy Savings- We received 3 bids to replace all boilers. Majority voted to use Bonham Heating.

Building and Grounds- Boiler and parking lot projects will be submitted to the Diocese. Hoping to proceed and get the new boilers installed by winter. Alward Electric has finished the electrical upgrades. Renovation funds are still held until the Diocese determines whether the project is completed. Mary Garden is almost complete. Freeman Nursery will be completing the final planting soon. Trees south of the church have been removed and the city will be pouring sidewalks soon. Our cost for this project is \$2550.00. We scheduled another work session September 23rd at 5:00.

4th Quarter Financial Review- Collections are up 2% over the last year, operating expenses are up 3%.

Old Business- Christ's Mission Appeal update, we saw 6% increase in parishioner participation. We did meet our target of \$57,737.00 and will receive a surplus of \$2,721.00 if everyone honors their pledges. We still have \$2,375.00 to be paid on pledges. The 2023-2024 CMA will begin early October.

New Business- Annual letter to the Parishioners. Catholic Community Foundation request has been denied. Finance Council has decided not to reduce flexibility with the funds.

Next Meeting – October 26th @ 6:15pm Please join us for Benediction prior to the meeting.

Closing Prayer

