

Our Lady of Hope Finance Council Minutes

November 24, 2025 @ 5:30pm

A meeting of the Finance Council was held on November 24, 2025. In attendance were Fr. Michael, Tony Martin, Bill Kinne, Sharon Miller, Jeryl Reitzyl, Carolyn Lawless and Donna Rawson. Absent: Joan Hantke

Fr. Michael led the Council with opening prayer.

The Investment Policy, Fraud Policy and Finance Council Bylaws were emailed to the Council members due to the details contained. The Council unanimously voted on approval of the policies and bylaws.

It was decided by the Council members that minutes will be approved or questioned at all of the next council meetings.

Financial reports were sent out to members via Flocknote prior to the meeting. There was discussion on several items, particularly the kitchen which is being classed as a capital improvement. Fr Michael will be reaching out for donations from parishioners for both the kitchen and heated sidewalk.

Matthew Keyes from maintenance gave his resignation and will be leaving as of November 20. Fr Michael is in process of looking at two potential candidates for the position.

Money Counter Update-there has been no progress in training of money counters leaders. The Council agreed to table until after the first of the year.

Lessons & Carols for 2025 is beginning to take form. This year we have obtained permission to use Clary Middle School for parking. The owner of Alladin Transportation loves listening to our church bells and the Fall Festival and has provided two buses that will be running every fifteen minutes as a donation to the event. Depending on the number of sponsors, there will be costs involved this year, but we do have a restricted CD that will be available in January to cover any additional costs.

St Michael/St Peter does have several fundraisers that we have been participating in. Our parishioners do purchase coffee, gift cards and donate coats and socks. Fr. is looking into a monthly commitment to Emmaus Ministry of \$50. The Council agreed that this would be great outreach. The bake sale at Our Lady of Hope raised \$500 for the Thanksgiving bake sale, A Christmas bake sale is scheduled for December 20-21.

Buildings & Grounds Update

- The new kitchen is complete except for the hood over the stove that is coming up with a code. Ed King has been notified.
- The heated sidewalks are almost complete and should be finished next week.

- The hot water tank in the church is nearly 20 years old and is showing signs of potential leaking. Quotes received were nearly \$3500. Steve Kenyon replaced with new hot water tank for under \$1000.
- The boiler in the office has had numerous issues and the cost is substantial. We are waiting for a new compressor board for boiler 2 that will provide heat to the sisters and first floor.
- We have made attempts to get two of the security cameras working to no avail. We will not pay for the new cameras until the problem is resolved.
- The lights in the church should be replaced with LED lights that will require a lift rental. Look into next year for this project.
- The Grotto pump and lighting on Cross is not working. Fr. will reach out to the electrician.
- We anticipate adding a new altar rail near the ambo, however further discussion warranted a possible additional rail for the Salina St side. Project was tabled.
- The RTWO Room has been officially named, and we will look at adding a picture and or sign.
- We have a lot of salt in the garage. St Michael/St Peter may buy some of it from us.

The office copier is near the end of the lease. We will be getting quotes for a new copier or obtaining a quote for extended service.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9. Due to the length of time and discussions being held at the Council meetings, Fr. agreed that the meeting be scheduled to 5pm rather than 5:30pm to avoid running into the Pastoral Council meeting held at 6:30pm.

Fr. Michael led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rawson