**Holy Cross Finance Council Minutes – In Person**

**November 14, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. Jay, Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, Jon Kurtenbach, Debby Ames, Danae McLoughlin,

**Absent:** Allan Apo, Joan Schmidt

Meeting commenced at 5:05pm.

**Parish Financials**

The council reviewed financial reports from October 2023 for the Church, Building Project, and Outreach.

* **Church** : Parish checking balance was almost $26,000 higher than September. We will make the one lump payment of almost $43,000 for the Parish Assessment this week. We still have funds from 2019 when the new church was built. We may want to think about how to spend those funds down. Some suggestions are; professional window cleaning, anything needed for the church, sound system improvements? We continue to pay $12,000 per month on our current loan. Net income for the year is at $67,236.86. The switch to Pushpay from OSV is going ok; we still have about 27 families who have not moved from OSV. Alicia is working on calling those families. In October, we had 40 givers from Pushpay and 52 from OSV for a total of 92. Some of those were repeat givers, though because they gave in both platforms. We usually have 75-80 online givers. By comparison, we have 115 recurring givers on Pushpay. On the Week By Week collection sheet, September and October Credit Card number includes OSV and Pushpay. We received our first rebate for the Annual Appeal, and are on track to receive a total of $15,058. We plan to go with another envelope company that synchs with Pushpay so that we won’t need to spend a lot of time posting to our system. Our net income for the year was $67,237.
* **Building Project**: We continue to pay $12,000 per month towards the New Church loan.
* **Outreach** – Checking balance was over $3,000 less than September, due mainly to rent assistance. It seems like our donations cover the utility assistance, but rent assistance is over and above what is brought in. Outreach current liability account was created for a generous contribution towards the repair/replacement of the Outreach truck to ensure the funds are not used for something else. Dave is still on the lookout for a truck. Offerings were pretty much on budget. Offerings were 11% above projections for the year. Utilities Assistance was higher than budget projections. Assistance was provided to 61 families last month. Food Assistance spending was 2.4% higher than budgeted for the year. Rent Assistance was provided to 5 families. Farmer Frog is cutting back as of January. They will require a membership for 2024 which will cost $1K per month. Net Income was **-**$21,633.59.

\*Notes\* - We are planning our Council Christmas Party for Tuesday, December 5.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. Next meeting is November 14, 2023.