

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Mattoon, Illinois

**Parish Finance Council Meeting – January 20, 2020**

Members present: Fr. John Titus, Pat Dust, Brent Holmes, Chrissy McKillip, Malcolm O'Neill, Diana Smith and Steve Wentz.

The meeting opened at 6:30 with a prayer led by Fr. John.

The minutes of the 10/14/19 meeting were read and approved.

Fr. John presented an update of the activities of the Parish Pastoral and Advisory Council, which included a report that scripture studies are ongoing. The parish mission was 10/4-10/7. St. Hedwig soup dinner is this weekend. The pictorial directory photo sessions will be held 7/23-7/25/20 and 7/28-8/1/20. The last time this was done was 4 years ago.

A Fr. Tolton statue is in the works; to be put in parish center until he is beatified. Funding of \$8,000 will be raised – it won't come out of the church budget.

On 3/25/20 there will be a joint day of recollection in Sullivan. Free commercials for fish fry and stations of the cross will be available due to Salvation Army bell ringing. The youth group is having a fundraiser with Papa Johns. And finally, on 2/8/20 there will be a couple's dinner at the parish center.

Head Start is going well. Lunches are also going well at the school. Aramark delivers them. Coolings gave a good report regarding the condition of the building. Currently there are 43 children in the program.

There were 5 inches of rain which caused some water in the gym. It was coming in through bathroom vent pipes, which have been extended from 2 feet to 5 feet.

Financial statements were discussed. We have more cash in the bank compared to last year even though large amounts have been paid for improvements in the last year. Weekly giving is comparable to last year. The Hoag money of \$22,500 was received and sent to savings. \$97,000 was received from the Reimann Trust in January. It was also sent to Diocese savings.

Approximately \$38,000 of the \$72369 ACSA assessment has been received.

Regarding projects:

A lighter epoxy coating with chips has been added to the middle level of the basement at a cost of approximately \$3000.

The organ project is not a priority. Eventually the console will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$65,000.

Drainage work was done around the church. It was causing deterioration.

The parking lot plus rectory driveway project with Bartels Construction will cost approximately \$96,000. A 50% down payment will be required. \$30,000 will be paid by the parish and the rest will be paid with proceeds from the Reimann bequest. The parish's \$30,000 will be added to the bulletin for additional capital project money requested from the parishioners.

Regarding the revamp of ACSA, there is no new news. It will likely be put off for another year.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 7:40.

Submitted by –  
Diana Smith