

St. Philip Benizi/OLP 3rd Quarter Finance Council/ Parish Council Meeting on 9/22/21

Father Marreddy opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm.

Members present: (Pastor) Father Marreddy, Joan Peters, Lupita Muñoz, Wayne Gotz, Deacon Mike Heidkamp, Deacon Jerry Remkiewicz, Guy Blanton, Joann Morast, Mary Anne Gowder, Tom Gasparich, Kevin Skero, Bill Thomas, Carlos Cruz, Leo Hernandez

Members absent: John Carpenter, Patricia Allen, Ruben Muñoz

After the opening prayer, Father spoke for several minutes about the effects of Covid on both churches with an emphasis given to the reduction in attendance. He said that perhaps those not attending regularly should be contacted or visited. Kim reported that between January 1-August 31 of 2021, there were 118 families at St. Philip's making donations and 25 at OLP. During this time period \$111, 048.49 was donated at St. Philip's and \$41,295.00 at OLP. The operating checking balance at St. Philip's as of 8/31/2021 was \$21,791.63 and at OLP it was \$16,768.84.

Joan Peters then gave a financial overview of both churches and noted that the budgets of both are in good shape, despite the decrease in attendance. At OLP, collections are over budget and many expenditures are under budget. The church has a nice net income of \$7,363.42 for the period of January 2021 through March 2021. The church has \$136,669.36 in its Diocesan Savings Account of which \$62, 544.03 is in the building fund. At St. Philip's the budget is in great shape with total parish revenue of \$36,038.07 over budget. Designated collections were very high. Administrative salaries were lower than budgeted and expenditures were much lower. The net income for the period of January 2021 through March of 2021 was \$30,729.92. St Philip has \$188,510 in their diocesan building fund and \$139, 94.24 in diocesan savings.

The discussion then focused on the need at St Philip for new carpeting or repair of the existing carpeting with some suggestions being given for laminate or tile additions in certain areas to lower the need for total carpet replacement. The upholstery in some pews was also noted as being worn or torn. At OLP there is a need for a motion detector security light at the outside of the sacristy and behind the hall facing the parking lot. Kim said she would look into the purchase of 2 solar powered lights that would work. Also, OLP requested that a lawn service be hired for the church grounds. Fr. Marreddy agreed that this was needed, and Kim said she would find out how the payments should be handled. OLP also requested funds to purchase landscape fabric and mulch to spread down the side of the hall around the shrubs there. Guy Blanton from OLP inquired about the state of a security team for both churches. It was agreed that the teams would need to receive training in the handling of emergency situations. Kim said that this was a training that could be easily arranged.

Father Marreddy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 with a closing prayer.