NEWMAN PARISH - FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2026

Present: Father Michael Klos, Father Kyle Lang, Pam Ogden, Joe Trazcek, Randy Risler, Joe Fesenmaier, and Sharon Sliwka.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM and began with an opening prayer and introductions.

Council Formation: Father Klos provided the members the *Pastoral Letter* on *Consultation in the Parish and Deanery* by Bishop John Paul, requesting they review the booklet, specifically the section outlining the role of the Finance Council.

Financial Review: First quarter financials reflect a ($35,451) loss associated with day-to-day operational income/expenses.

Newman's quarterly assessment for the Diocese of La Crosse has increased due to calculation changes made by the diocese to the Annual Report. All Newman centers within the diocese are affected by the change. La Crosse is reviewing this for "possible" adjustments.

Budget & Stewardship: The Annual Report to Parishioners will be available in November.

Buildings & Grounds: A contract has been signed with Total Lawn Solutions for snow removal. TruLock added heat monitoring sensors to the third floor of the ERC and installed door lock updates. Its anticipated Tweet Garot Mechanical will be performing heating repairs. Sharon Sliwka will check with Larry Tienor for details.

Other Business: The Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2026-27 is $52,835. Kickoff weekend will be October 24/25.

Distribution of funds from the Works of Charity account will be at the discretion of the pastor, based on recommendations from the Finance Council.

Second collections will be made 2-3 times a year for diocesan and universal causes.

Father Klos requested two Finance Council members to join the Budget & Stewardship Committee and two join the Buildings & Grounds Committee. Selection will be made at the December meeting.

Paul Traczek was elected Finance Council Chair. This position also serves as the Parish Trustee (Treasurer) to fill a two-year term.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held December 9, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the ERC library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM with a closing prayer.