

- 1. The meeting convened with Opening Prayer at 6:00**
- 2. Roll Call –**
 - a. *Present:* Louise Beauchemin, Margaret Beauchemin, Flor Bonilla (T), Deacon Correa, Miguelina Correa, Anna Evans, Carin Geoffrey, Darryl Geoffrey, John Kelley, Dora Lopez, Jennie McGiverin, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Fr. Francis Reilly, Virgen Viera
 - b. *Absent:* Paula Conway, Trish Lamagdeleine, Michael Moriarty
 - c. *Guest Presenter:* JoAnn Palmer, to speak on Vanco online giving platform
- 3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting**
The minutes from the January 29, 2024 meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- 4. Vanco Online Giving – Guest Presenter JoAnn Palmer from the Parish Finance Council**
 - a. Parish is moving forward with an online giving platform called VANCO
 - b. Patti C is being trained
 - c. GOAL: Expand beyond current 20 people using WeShare who need to be notified about the change
 - d. Fees are associated with every transaction
 - e. Will initially utilize weekly envelope online donation as an alternative to using mailed envelopes/collection basket. Other functions may be implemented in the future
 - f. Plan to go live May 1st, Bilingual, Needs to be advertised
 - g. Requires maintaining two systems...does not incorporate recording of weekly envelopes/collections.
- 5. ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. FINANCE COUNCIL:
 - i. Budget has been created
 - ii. Buildings are on hold
 - iii. Recommended Audit actions have been taken.
 - iv. Need process for “spending of funds”
 - b. Faith Formation – Easter vigil, Lenten retreat, May Sacraments: 1st communion and 20 confirmations
 - c. Youth Group – Meet Wednesdays, 15-20 youths take an active role in giving talks and providing music. Want to attend Steubenville East. Costs \$250 per attendee – Fundraising to help.
 - d. Cemetery Board – Columbarium complete, dedication 5/26, 2 PM with the Bishop
 - e. Safety Concerns – Only 2 people volunteered. Fr. Reilly suggests we get railings
 - f. Anointing Masses – Well attended, next ones scheduled for 8/17,18/2024
 - g. Irish Night - \$2215.47 profit. Great time for attendees. Many compliments
 - h. Social Life/Family Life Committee – In the infancy/investigation stage
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Easter - Flowers have been ordered. Washing of the feet should have all groups represented
 - b. Beacon of Faith – 4 year fundraising campaign instead of the Catholic Appeal. Introductory/planning meetings in May, Pledges in August. Once parish goal is met, some funds for use by the parish.
- 7. Comments for the Good of the Council**
- 8. Next Meeting Particulars**
Next meeting is scheduled for: April 9, 2024 – Tuesday, 6 PM
- 9. Closing Prayer**
Fr. Reilly led a closing prayer
- 10. Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30