ACC Finance Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 8, 2026 5:00 pm Large Meeting Room at HF (Lounge)

Attendees: Fr. Joe Fleming, Maureen Watt, Cy Schaefer, Don Crum, Bob Gallagher, Mike Piper, Deanna Blotkamp

1. Opening Prayer
2. Food Bank Update – Terry Vaughn has found a retired architect to help put together the initial plans for the move, but they will need to be reviewed by licensed architects and finalized before we will have a good estimate of the overall costs of the project. Fr. Fleming will meet with the ADLC Planning Department on September 15, 2026, to review the plan.
3. Madalen Sugrue Bequest Status – Waiting on Edward Jones.
4. Review of Investments and future directions ($250k limits). All financial accounts are under the FDIC insured limit.
5. Status of Holy Family Pews – MCE bid $114k
6. Music & Youth Minister Job Applications Update
    a. Ashley See accepted a part-time position (10-15 hours per week) to lead the religious formation classes for Junior High (grades 7-8) and Youth Group (grades 9-12). Her tenure will be for the 2026-27 school year only as her family is planning to relocate to Texas next summer.
    b. We will continue to recruit for a full-time Youth & Young Adult Ministry position for the 2027-28 school year.
    c. Fr. Joe stated that he has visited with a representative from "HALLOW" and they have an offering that could provide support for RE efforts where parents take a more active role in working with their children in educating them on the faith.
7. Handicap Access Projects: One Automatic Door Opener for Holy Family has been ordered and will be installed in a few weeks. An automatic door on the north-side handicap ramp at St. Peter's would cost $9,000. A ramp and automatic door opener for the front door at St. Peter's is being looked at. Final decisions an automatic doors and the ramp (bid has been requested) for St. Peter's have not yet been reached. New emergency exit lights have been installed at St. Peter and Holy Family.
8. OCIA classes will start on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm. We have 2 people from Anaconda that have registered so far: Kim Piper and Sim Roberts.
9. Promotional items with the new logo are available for volunteers (includes note pads, pens, flashlights, key-chain flashlights, and coffee cups).

10. Basketball backboards have been donated by the Anaconda School District and will be installed by the Job Corps. They will be located in the South-West corner of the paved parking lot at Holy Family. ACC will pay for supplies needed to complete the project; costs for ACC will be minimal.
11. FDOH grant for $2,450 was awarded for youth evangelization.
12. New Sign Project Status: Fr. Joe shared that there are three vendors creating designs & bids for a new outdoor sign for Holy Family Church. We can either place it where the existing sign is or on the corner of Main and Pennsylvania where it will have even more visibility. Estimates are from $50k to $75k depending on complexity.
13. Financial Reporting to the Community: Deanna will develop a clear and easy-to-read chart that summarizes ordinary income and fixed expenses. The purpose of this is to provide parishioners with transparency and understanding of the parish's financial position and stewardship of resources.
14. Online Giving – Fr. Joe stated that his goal is to move 50% of all household to online giving. Deanna has set up an online payment link for RE tuition payments.
15. Selling Wells Fargo Stock (Est. annual yield 2.31%). The council members agreed to sell the 290 shares of Wells Fargo stock and close the account. The proceeds valued at $25,105 on August 31, 2026, will be deposited into the SWMCFCU money market account.
16. The Council agreed to close the Valley/Glacier Bank account. We will keep approximately $60k in the SWMCFCU accounts and open a PIF (Parish Investment Fund) account (4.5% APY) with the Foundation of the Diocese of Helena in the near future. The PIF account funds can be invested in Money Market, Conservative Growth, Moderate Growth, and Aggressive Growth income options. Funds can be quickly accessed as needed.
17. Fr. Joe stated that a new outdoor electronic sign, and pews and kneelers will be the last foreseeable expenses. Deanna added that bids have been requested from Sawyer Plumbing and Electro Controls to convert the radiator heating system in the offices, lounge, classrooms, bathrooms, vestibule, and kitchen from the existing pneumatic controls to an electronic control system. This work would conclude the heating upgrades for Holy Family Church. If approved, this project would be an additional capital expenditure.

The meeting ended at 5:55 pm.

The next meeting will be: October 13, 2026, at 5 pm.