

Saint Cecilia Parish Finance Commission regular monthly minutes – DRAFT

Date: August 9, 2011

Location: St. Louis Room

Members Present: Father James Secora, Richard O'Neill (Chair), John Nelson (Vice Chair), Rick Hoenig, Joel Thilges, Char Van Kerckvoorde

Also Present: Steve Heideman

Meeting opened at 7:05pm with a prayer.

Joel Thilges was welcomed as a new member to the Finance Commission. Joel will be serving a three year term. Rick Hoenig announced that he and Sandy were moving to Winterset, so that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Finance Commission.

Father mentioned that there were no requests to review or comment on the Proclamation regarding the closing of Good Shepherd Parish and potential sale of the property. Father Jim is proceeding with details from the Archdiocese concerning the steps to dissolve the Good Shepherd Parish Corporation. He has also notified LouAnn Vulgamott to begin the process of inventorying the ecclesiastical furnishings at Good Shepherd for their future disposal once the building is sold. Father Jim is also considering possible members for a small group to work with him to negotiate the sale. Tim Primmer, the new Director of Faith Formation, is working with the parishioners at Good Shepherd regarding a Faith Formation program.

The Parish website will be hosted by CyberShock on their server for the next couple of years. There has been a training regarding the use and upkeep of the website for parish staff members. The Finance Commission is looking at establishing a Tech Committee, as a subcommittee of the Facilities Committee, which could coordinate technical issues for the parish. Several names were mentioned as possible interested members and the Finance Commission will discuss further details with them.

Terry Herrman is coordinating the Time and Talent Booklet. John Nelson prepared an outline describing the functions of the Finance Commission for the Time and Talent Booklet; this will include the above mentioned Tech function.

In light of Rick Hoenig's departure from the Facilities Committee, there was a discussion about possible new leaders for that committee. Several issues regarding facilities were addressed and Rick mentioned that these issues were on the agenda for the next Facilities meeting. There was also discussion about the need for a Long Range Facilities group to deal with the long term space needs of the parish. Potential leadership is being sought.

A memo from Mark Hanson provided an update on Fund-A-Need use of funds. This prompted a discussion about the desire for predetermined needs prior to the next GALA. Father Jim

suggested that the Catholic School Board and Faith Formation should work toward establishing these needs, as was done in years past.

The addition of Joel Thilges to Finance Commission still leaves us one member short. Now, with the departure of Rick Hoenig, that creates a second opening. All members were asked to provide Father with the names of interested potential new members for Finance Commission.

General Parish Year End reports were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Richard O'Neill