

The Church of the Holy Redeemer  
Finance Council Minutes  
Monday, July 20, 2009

**Present:** Neil Sullivan, Lisa Zmeskal, Mark Timmerman, Todd Dirckx, Beth Fischer, Mike Martin, Dick Persoon, Kris Gruhot, Lynn Nelson, Paul Meyer, Fr. Paul Wolf, Mike Alex, Dan Sussner

**Absent:** Pat Louwagie

**Call to Order** by Chair Neil Sullivan

**Opening Prayer** by Fr. Paul

M/S/P Persoon, Fischer to approve the agenda

M/S/P Meyer/Dirckx to approve the May minutes

**Committee Reports:**

**Properties:**

School/FFC – chapel lights are in, playground equipment and computers for the teachers are here; brick shed has not been torn down yet

Parish Center – no report

Church – gutter on the West side is plugged; carpet needs to be cleaned – the carpet is worn out, Fr. recommends not to install carpet in the future; elevator shaft has a leak in the ceiling

Fair Stand – no report

Campus – no report

Renovation Project – fundraising is in progress; the committee is planning to announce the status in September

**Audit/Budget:** June budget/actual fluctuations were reviewed by Nelson. The retirement amount has not been finalized but is currently posted as an estimate. M/S/P Zmeskal, Dirckx to deposit cash received from the capital campaign into a separate savings account. M/S/P Zmeskal, Meyer to transfer \$62,053.93 from DMA capital improvements reserve to general reserve to cover capital improvements spent to date. M/S/P Zmeskal, Sussner to re-designate \$9,847.68 from DMA development/outreach to DMA capital improvements and transfer same amount from DMA reserve to general reserve to cover capital improvements spent to date. Fr. Paul encouraged members to consider what project this year's DMA funds should be designated for. There is a concern with the school – make sure FY10 is on track with a realistic budget. We are seeing a shift from Sunday collections to fundraisers which is not a good situation – more pressure to make sure the fundraisers are successful. What is causing the decrease in collections – economy or attendance? We are becoming a younger parish. Time will tell if the capital campaign is causing the drop in Sunday collections.

**Pastor's Report:** The new Hispanic minister is in place. The Diocese pays the first 6 months; the next 6 months the Diocese pays  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the costs and Marshall and Montevideo share the remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cost (Marshall has  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Montevideo  $\frac{1}{4}$ ). Our new youth minister will start in August.

**Parish Council:** No report

**Trustee:** No report

**CCW:** No report

M/S/P Timmerman/Persoon to approve committee reports.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) *New Finance Council Members.* We still need one (maybe 2) more members.
- b) *Summary of Farm Rental.* Our options are share rent, cash rent, or sell the farm. After much discussion on options and prices the decision was reached to move to a cash rent contract. M/S/P Persoon, Dirckx to draft a three year cash rent contract.
- c) *Fair Stand Work Reminder.* Our shift is Wednesday night from 5:30 until 11:00. There are still some openings in the schedule.

**New Business:**

- a) *Sub-Committee Assignments.* Planned structure is as follows: Budget – Alex, Zmeskal, Sullivan, Meyer, Louwagie; Properties – Dirckx, Persoon, Martin, Timmerman; Stewardship – Fischer, Gruhot (look at revamping this committee and making it active).
- b) *Directory Picture.* We will be taking a picture of the Finance Council for the Parish Directory at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Paul

M/S/P Dirckx/Persoon to adjourn the meeting

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday August 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Roncalli Room