

The Church of the Holy Redeemer  
Finance Council Minutes  
Monday, October 19, 2009

**Present:** Neil Sullivan, Lisa Zmeskal, Mike Martin, Kris Gruhot, Lynn Nelson, Fr. Paul Wolf, Erik Porter, Rick Ramert, Dan Sussner, Dick Persoon, Paul Meyer (Guest – Lou Wischer)

**Absent:** Mark Timmerman, Todd Dirckx, Beth Fischer, Mike Allex

**Call to Order** by Chair Neil Sullivan

**Opening Prayer** by Fr. Paul

M/S/P Meyer/Persoon to approve the agenda

M/S/P Martin/Ramert to approve the minutes

**Committee Reports:**

**Properties:**

School/FFC – youth center roof bids have been sent to Catholic Mutual; committee is working with Carol on ideas for flooring; new design for office at school is being discussed; emergency lights are not all working; Martin is working on understanding the contract with Johnson Controls – current contract signed in 2005 is a premium contract and expires in 2010 – previous contract was a basic contract – the amounts we are paying have increased significantly; need to revisit the heating system for the school; boiler is old

Parish Center – no report

Church – Catholic Mutual is recommending the balcony be closed; gutters have been cleaned out again

Fair Stand – roof bids have been sent to Catholic Mutual

Campus – no report

Renovation Project – no update

Cemetery – looking at taking out a row of trees; part-time maintenance person is being considered

**Audit/Budget:** September budget/actual fluctuations were reviewed by Nelson. Health insurance is being reviewed. Currently health insurance is covered 50/50 and dental is 100% covered by the Church. We have approximately 15 employees on the insurance plan. The entire plan would need to be revamped in order to save money for the employee and the Church. An HSA is a better option on a 10-year average for the employees provided they fund it. Fr. recommended this option and to fund it with some seed money for the employee. Discussion was also held regarding looking at other companies (same agent) as well as our current company. M/S/P Ramert/Persoon to instruct Todd Bock to provide at least one alternate proposal for group health insurance and come to the November Finance Council meeting with results. The proposal should include an HSA and something comparable to our expiring coverage.

**Pastor's Report:** There are several renovation fundraising folders that need to be delivered – see Fr. if interested. Training will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Carlin Hall. The DMA campaign will be presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November. The Diocese is also initiating a capital campaign – a presentation will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Parish Council:** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee:** No report

**CCW:** No report.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) *Fall Harvest Fest Update.* Report presented shows the net profit at just over \$49,500.

**New Business:**

- a) *DMA Assessment.* Our goal this year is approximately \$42,000.
- b) *Home & School Fundraiser.* (Should be School Fundraiser) Lou Wischer presented a fundraising opportunity with the Schwan's Fundraising Truckload Sale. This fundraiser would be coordinated by Curt Timmerman and would be used to raise funds for the school's technology. The prices of the product would be the same as home delivery. The school would receive a percentage of the sales. M/S/P Meyer/Porter to support the fundraiser for the Holy Redeemer School Technology Fund with the understanding that the money raised is to be applied first to cover the cost of the teacher computers already installed.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Paul

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, November 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Roncalli Room