

Diocesan Finance Council Highlights

Thursday, January 13, 2005

Present were Bishop Daniel Walsh and 11 members of the Finance Council, as well as three staff members and three guests.

1. Call To Order:

After an opening prayer and approval of past minutes and highlights, Bishop Walsh offered his comments.

2. Bishop's Comments:

Bishop briefly reviewed the settlements from some of the other Dioceses. He then reported that the next quarterly debt payment is being sent out to parishes and schools for a total of \$6,394,600 disbursed.

3. Report of Finance Officer:

Deacon Mike Urick reported that the debt payment being made to parishes and schools from the capital campaign will be \$663,612. Deacon Mike also suggested that the current balance of \$31,400 from the capital campaign that is designated for Priest Retirement be moved to that fund for investment. John Moynier made a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously, to move the funds designated for Priest Retirement to that account. . Rick Rosa also suggested that the funds received from the campaign designated for Catholic Charities be transferred to them; a motion was made, seconded and passed to transfer the \$39,000 from the capital campaign to Catholic Charities for use in the acquisition of their new center.

Deacon Mike also reported that the Deposit and Loan Fund distributed the deposits in total back to the depositors. He also reviewed the handout showing the trends in the capital campaign, which were following the same pattern as past years, though slightly less. He asked the priests to encourage their parishioners to honor their campaign pledges.

4. Report of Legal Counsel:

Mr. Dan Galvin updated the council members on the pending cases. Mediation is being discussed and may be ordered by the Coordination Judge. Bankruptcy counsel will also be involved in any mediation or settlement discussions.

5. Cash Flow and Budget Committee:

Cash Flow:

Kim Sampietro reviewed December 2004 Budget versus Actual Cash Flow. Some of the parishes also were catching up on operating assessments during December.

Budget Report:

Rick Rosa reported that the SSU Newman Center program participation has improved with Fr. Chinh and with Dr. Robert Eyler (an economics professor) agreeing to be faculty advisor. There are now two regular events per week (mass and bible study with a free dinner). The response has been very positive.

6. Committee Reports:

A. *Investment*: No Report

B. *Property*:

Clem Carinalli reported that the escrow on the former school property in Lakeport should close January 15th.

C. *Building/Construction*: No report. The committee will meet on February 4th.

D. *Insurance and Human Resources*: No report

E. *Development*:

Msgr. Brenkle reported on the work of the subcommittee looking at a Development Director. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously, to hire CCS to provide someone to the Diocese for up to two months, to conduct the 2005 Annual Ministry Appeal with a goal of \$925,000.

F. *Membership*:

Deacon Hercher reported that Msgr. Gaffey has resigned from the Council. Deacon Hercher is contacting members whose terms expire in June 2005 to ask if they are willing to continue to serve.

G. *Communication*:

Deirdre Frontczak reported that the next issue of the North Coast Catholic will be out in March. Now the committee is focusing on the website and adding functions. The committee is also working with the California Catholic Conference to develop public relations strategies. Rick Rosa also asked that all financial data being reported in the NCC be reviewed for accuracy by the Budget Committee before publishing.

H. *Banking Oversight*:

John Moynier reported that \$2.7 million in deposits from the Deposit and Loan had been returned to schools and parishes.

I. *Audit*: No Report

7. Other Business:

Janet Hagen from St. Mary of the Angels Church reported that Mary Leittem-Thomas is now the principal at the school. Judy Barrett reported that the Capital Campaign Continuation Committee is requesting a motion that the payments from St. Eugene's Cathedral pledge be deferred for one year which would move the final payment to May 2008, not May 2007 as originally scheduled. The motion was seconded and was approved with one abstention.

Rick Rosa also reported that the building to house the new offices of Catholic Charities and the Diocese is expected to close escrow around mid-February. It should be available to us in May.

8. Adjournment:

Dates for future meetings were set and the meeting adjourned.