

Diocesan Finance Council Highlights

Thursday, March 10, 2005

Present were Bishop Daniel Walsh, 16 members of the Finance Council, three staff members and three guests.

1. Call To Order:

Following an opening prayer and approval of the agenda and minutes, Bishop Walsh offered his comments.

2. Bishop's Comments:

- The Bishop states he is not at liberty to discuss particulars concerning the legal mediation except that it is still ongoing.
- He also announced that the Diocese had received a grant from Home Missions for \$175,000 for next fiscal year.

3. Report of Diocesan Finance Officer:

Deacon Mike Urick reported that the funds from the Deposit and Loan, now closed, have been moved back to the Consolidated Recovery Fund. Capital campaign receipts continue to arrive at a steady rate.

4. Report of Legal Counsel:

Dan Galvin reported that mediation of cases and preparation for possible trial is ongoing. Since there is a Confidentiality Order, details cannot be discussed.

5. Cash Flow and Budget Committee:

Cash Flow: Kim Sampietro reviewed February 2005 Budget versus Actual Cash Flow. There was a total positive variance, mostly due to timing issues which she explained.

Budget Report: Rick Rosa reported that the budget committee is close to the target of \$925,000 for the next fiscal year.

6. Committee Reports

A. *Investment:* No Report

B. *Property Committee:*

Clem Carinalli reported that the escrow on the former school property in Lakeport did not close. This will be put on the market again. Permits for the SSU Newman Center carport now come to \$67,000.

C. *Building/Construction:* No report.

D. *Insurance & Human Resources:*

Deacon Hercher reported that Blue Cross is decreasing the rate for our lay employee health insurance for an overall decrease of about 10% for the health insurance package. The committee is looking into Health Savings Accounts, and will obtain more information.

E. *Development:*

Bishop Walsh reported that the appeal information and the pledge requests were just sent out.

F. *Membership:* Deacon Hercher reported that all three members of the Finance Council whose terms expire in June 2005 are willing to continue to serve.

G. Communication:

Judy Barrett reported that the committee is meeting with the website developer to add functions. Surveys on the North Coast Catholic are now coming in.

H. Banking Oversight Committee: John Moynier reported that most loans are current and they are awaiting the close of escrow for the property in Lakeport. John Moynier reported that the property in Lakeport is on the market again. The loans for the parishes are performing well. John Moynier made a motion that was duly seconded by Clem Carinalli to increase the interest rate. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Audit:

Joe Schunk reported an inquiry into a condition that requires an exception on the audit report from the diocesan financial statement, and subsequently the Catholic Charities financial statement. The approximate cost for this change would be about \$10,000, to be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Other Business:

Rick Rosa raised the subject of Diocesan Liaisons that had been helpful in the past, and he suggested revival of this concept would be helpful for the Ministry Appeal. It was discussed and will be referred to the deaneries.

8. Adjournment

Dates for future meetings were set and the meeting adjourned.