

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEB. 19, 2008

Finance Council Minutes

Wednesday March 19, 2008

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7:40 AM. Those in attendance were Ron Wedding, Jason Ivy, Daniel Bork, Ryan Van Daniker, Walter Leachman, Steve McCauley, Fr. Joe, Wayne Rickert, Julian Gorham, J. Trent Murphy, and Scott Vogt.

Minutes were approved from last meeting.

Father and Walter brought us up to date on the house on Hill 'n Dale. Walter has found a contractor who would work on a cost plus basis, getting sub-contractors. This should save considerable amount of money.

Father expressed concerns about getting manpower or contacting those with a face-to-face visit for those who did not fill out commitments to Stewardship/fund raising. He also mentioned the differences between last year's subsidy and this year's subsidy on the school budget. Several ideas are on the table, trying not to raise tuition. Father also brought us up to date on the search for a new principal. We have had several inquiries. The attempt to find an available, qualified nun to serve in this role has been unsuccessful. Fr. Joe also mentioned that there had been places where an interim person was used, with the understanding that they would be given the assistant principal's job in some cases.

Father gave a brief review of the Revised 20 Year Plan, showing the placement of a Day Chapel going over to the left side of the Church and extending out towards Clays Mill. The current chapel would be used as a main entrance. To the right of the Church, looking at the altar, would be a new auditorium (similar to Christ the King's Hehman Hall) and a new school cafeteria. More changes would be using the current RCIA room and Church meeting rooms as staff offices. The retention basin would be moved over towards the present rectory.

Concerning school, in discussing the new administration Father wants someone with educational/Catholic values (Catholic identity). Dan Bork mentioned that enrollment is going to be down: lower levels will probably be two rooms per grade and middle school will probably be 3 rooms per grade. Dan is also looking for a new replacement for leadership on the School Finance Council as he is retiring.

Walter mentioned that the Developmental Steering Committee is going to have pew surveys in the coming weeks at Church. Walter also reviewed the financials and draft budgets of both the Church and School. He passed out information on this and a lengthy discussion followed by all in attendance. This included increased weekly contributions at Church plus an increase in enrollment at the school. Some miscellaneous comments suggested the marketing of the school's assets, (for example: the new facility and good student-teacher ratios). This type of PR may help increase our enrollment. Also, comparing MQHR to other schools and their attributes may help.

A quick Dreamstakes review was given.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.