

**Church of the Resurrection
Finance Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2015**

In attendance: Fr. Tom Dragga, Dennis Bodziony, Dave Consolo, Bob Eidnier, Marilyn Emshoff, Alex Hamm, William Hawke, Chuck Maimbourg, Ann O'Brien, John Shovary, Janice Zeller

Absent: Nick Babic, Nancy Brown, Bob Sorin, Herb Wilson

Others present: John Grabner, Mark Carrabine

- 1) The meeting opened at 7 PM with each member introducing themselves, and explaining their experience at Resurrection. This was followed by an opening prayer by Fr. Tom.
- 2) John Grabner and Mark Carrabine, representing the Building and Grounds Commission, presented the priority issues as seen by their group. Currently repairs to the entrance ways of each building and general concrete repair to Trivison Hall and the main parish building are the highest priority. This work is in process now. The parking lot is also a high priority, but with the warm weather soon to end, much of this will be deferred until next year.
- 3) The HVAC unit in the Parish Center is not in good shape and this will soon become a higher priority project. A decision must be reached on replacing the unit with multi-zone capabilities, or a less expensive single-zone system.
- 4) Due to difficulties in keeping the Parish Center in good repair: the Bell Tower and skylight leak rain water, the original plumbing in the building is in need of updating, the masonry wall surrounding the HVAC and rear entrance area needs to be rebuilt, we continued conversations on the cost of these repairs vs. a complete building replacement. Fr. Tom cautioned that large projects require Diocesan approval and must be well documented and justified. At this point John and Mark left the meeting.
- 5) The financial statements were reviewed. Currently the Capital Repairs (Building) Fund owes the Operating Fund about \$71,000. The Charity and Justice fund is \$5,000 above budget. A discussion ensued about possibly educating parishioners about the differences between the envelopes they receive – the regular weekly envelope and the monthly Capital Repairs and Improvements envelope.
- 6) The regular Financial Report to our parishioners will be prepared for distribution at Mass at the end of September, just before the October census counting. Fr. Tom recommended that this annual report also should include the numbers of baptisms, first communions, weddings, etc. He also stated that parishioners should be able to consult with members of the Finance Council after each Mass.
- 7) The Annual Financial Report to the Diocese as prepared by Nancy Brown was reviewed and briefly discussed. Dennis motioned that the financial statements and the Diocesan report be approved and submitted. Ann seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.
- 8) An audit report from the Diocesan Controller dated August 3, 2015 was reviewed. This was an updated version of the audit results from 2013 and had been furnished to Fr. Tom as a result of his appointment to Resurrection. Only four items require additional follow-up. Fr. Tom recommended that we continue to expand ACH contributions and that the counting teams be expanded.
- 9) The draft budget for 2015/2016 was reviewed. A weekly average of \$15,156 is specified for FY 2016. For the future Fr. Tom asked that the budget be prepared before the end of the fiscal year (6/30/2016). Janet motioned to do so, Ann seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. A suggestion was also made that quarterly year-to-date results be given to all parishioners.

- 10) Dennis discussed the current Rooted in Faith results. Currently the Diocese has collected \$1,074,000 of the \$1,532,300 pledged by our parishioners. Also, Resurrection has moved into the 70% range of funds collected being returned to the parish. Dennis estimated that Resurrection could realize about \$187,000 from future cash collections. About 30 parishioners appear to be delinquent in making contributions, and Fr. Tom questioned whether he should send out a reminder letter to them. Bill Hawke recommended not doing this since they probably had good reasons for not continuing their contributions and the issue remained open.
- 11) A discussion was held regarding the Diocesan-sponsored program, Grateful Giving (Offertory Enhancement). Six parishes currently using this program have seen contributions increase by about 23% in the first year. Fr. Tom stated that St. Luke's began using the program while he was pastor there and their increase was 23.6%. It is not known what happens in years two and three after the program onset. The cost from the Diocese is about \$8.50 per parishioner. We decided to table consideration of the program until later in 2016.
- 12) At this meeting we established dates for the next three meetings: December 9, 2015, April 18, 2016 and June 8, 2016 – each meeting beginning at 7 PM.
- 13) After a closing prayer by Fr. Tom, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.