

**Church of the Resurrection
Finance Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014**

In attendance: Father Mark Hobson, Nick Babic, Dennis Bodziony, Nancy Brown, Dave Consolo, Alex Hamm, William Hawke, Chuck Maimbourg, Norm Perney, John Shovary, Herb Wilson.

Absent: Bob Sorin, Janice Zeller

- 1) The meeting opened at 7 PM with a prayer by Fr. Mark.
- 2) A new Finance Council member, Alex Hamm, was introduced.
- 3) Dennis noted from the June progress report that although Sunday collections are down, overall giving is up about 9%. With debt reduction payments of \$30,000 each month it appears we will have excess cash of \$26,600 in the building fund at the time of loan pay off in September.
- 4) Our parish pledged \$1,570,500 towards the diocesan Rooted in Faith campaign. As of March 31 a total of \$830,600 has been paid towards the total amount pledged. Once our collections exceed the diocesan-budgeted amount for Resurrection of \$1,083,000 we will receive 70% of the funds collected with 30% going to the diocese. RIF funds awarded to Resurrection will be used for debt reduction.
- 5) Our picnic tables needed to be scrapped due to disrepair. New tables made of recycled plastic are estimated to cost about \$4,300 and would be placed in the front yard near the fire pit. Concerns include safeguarding the new tables from theft were raised. A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Nick to purchase these tables. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6) The front yard renovation project will soon be completed. The Building and Grounds Commission is now developing estimates for a roof replacement for the original church building, plus repairing the exterior masonry façade of the building. In addition, the repair and repaving of the parking lot is being investigated. A rough estimate for all three projects is \$300,000 and this will be refined and discussed at a future meeting.
- 7) The staff compensation adjustments were reviewed and discussed and recommendations were made and motion carried.
- 8) Nancy provided an update on the ACH and Electronic payment programs. ACH users now total 126 and the electronic payment program now includes about 20 people.
- 9) Fr. Mark suggested a mortgage pay off celebration. A tentative date of the weekend of September 20, 2014 was established – just 10 years after the September 23, 2004 dedication of our new church building. Bishop Pilla would be asked to attend. A budget of \$5,000 for the event was suggested. Nick made a motion to approve this amount, seconded by Chuck and the motion carried.
- 10) At our April meeting we had received a presentation by two diocesan representatives about a Grateful Giving offertory enhancement program. Almost 80% of our revenue comes from about 20% of our parishioners. We polled each member present to discern their views on using this program. The conclusion drawn was that a formal program now would follow too soon after the mortgage payoff. We should wait until after the first of the year. We also agreed that we ourselves could perform any appeals to our parishioners, rather than rely on an outside agency which could cost close to \$8,000.
- 11) Fr. Mark informed us that the parish's Catholic Charities payments this year totaled only 78% of the \$108,870 goal established for us by the diocese. An explanatory letter has been requested from Fr. Mark. A suggestion was made to make a second request by mail to people who did not make a contribution during the Catholic Charities campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7 PM.