

**Church of the Resurrection
Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

In attendance: Fr. Tom Dragga, Nick Babic, Dennis Bodziony, Bob Eidnier, Marilyn Emshoff, Dan Plato, John Shovary.

Excused absence: Bill Hawke, Paul Sabataitis, Herb Wilson, Kevin Young, Janice Zeller.

Also present: Jim Quandt, parishioner, representing Ziska Architecture.

- 1) The meeting opened at 7 PM with a prayer by Fr. Tom.
- 2) The Charity and Justice (C&J) fund hoped they could cover the Loaves and Fishes fund annual commitment of \$10,000. After a review of contributions made to the C&J fund it was apparent they could not cover the annual \$10,000 provided by the operating fund.
- 3) Dennis suggested that we invest about \$100,000 from the restricted fund into a CD in order to draw a higher interest rate. Nick motioned to investigate a one year CD at the best available rate, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.
- 4) The Progress Report was reviewed with no outstanding comments.
- 5) Resurrection has collected over \$459,000 as our share of the Rooted in Faith campaign and could collect an additional \$71,900 over the next 12 to 24 months assuming an 85% receivable rate for existing pledges. The Rooted in Faith campaign ends in December, 2017.
- 6) Fr. Tom reported that he had received information from the diocese alerting us that health care premiums for all employees of parishes in the Cleveland Diocese would soon be increasing by about 20%. The pass out was reviewed and we decided to defer the discussion until the May meeting.
- 7) The Building and Grounds Commission has added two or three new people to their staff, including Jim Quandt an architect with Ziska Architecture. Over a 40-year period this architectural firm has managed many construction and renovation projects at northeastern Ohio institutions, libraries and churches, including St. Rita's, St. Felicitas and St. Anselm's.

A proposal prepared by Ziska, dated Jan. 23, was discussed. This proposal outlines two basic approaches towards assessing the original church building and structure. One approach is to renovate and re-use the existing structure since there are several deficiencies existing in it. These include a totally un-insulated roof, the on-going leakage around the center bell tower, inadequate size of the meeting rooms due to inefficient space utilization and an HVAC system that is antiquated and in need of replacement. The second approach is to demolish the existing structure and build a totally new parish center facility.

The estimate for a study based upon the two approaches was about \$10,000.

Very rough estimates for the two different efforts were about \$1 million dollars for the renovation project and \$2.5 to \$3 million for a new parish center.

At the conclusion of a lengthy discussion of the need for an improved parish center Nick moved to proceed with the architectural assessment of the two approaches, seconded by Dan and the motion passed. It was suggested that funding for the effort could come from our Rooted in Faith proceeds.

- 8) After a closing prayer by Fr. Tom, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM.