

Combined All Saints Pastoral Council, Finance Committee & Building Committee Minutes
September 5, 2012

Members: Fr. Brad, Fr. Shiyo, Denise Hammrich, Kathy Snyder, Mark Steiner, Bill Steiner, Ken Jacks, Joe Hall, Kevin Poole, Joe Kaufman, Marcia Ney, Nikki Havens, Theresa Wessels, Merilynn Scharnhorst, Matt Johnston, Mitch Marx, Karen Edmundson, Jim Marker, Johanne Schmidt, Robert Blume, Sheila Bond, Susan Rauch
Guest: Larry Hellhake

Members recited the Unity Prayer as a group.

Fr Neely stated we have the opportunity in this next year to come to an agreement with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center/Ascension Health for the sale of the 5th Street St. Stanislaus and All Saints Catholic School property. Larry Hellhake, diocesan real estate representative, stated at this time there is not a transaction.

A diocesan loan within their guidelines has always been factored in to completing the building of the church and social hall. All Saints financial plans were based on the diocesan 30 year loan pay back policy. The diocesan current policy is a 20 year pay back. A 20 year pay back will push our financial outer limits.

The Bishop has been involved in conducting a feasibility study for a diocesan capital campaign. He has made the decision to proceed with that campaign. It is a \$50,000,000 project and each parish has been asked to make a good faith effort to meet their parish goal. All Saints goal is \$700,000.00.

Fr. Brad drafted a letter to the Bishop and Diocesan Finance Committee requesting All Saints be granted a special circumstance exemption. All Saints request has been denied. Unfortunately throughout the 4 year duration of the diocesan campaign, parishes will not be allowed to conduct any fundraising outside the capital campaign. This directive significantly impacts the All Saints building project. Our community has worked tirelessly in good faith to meet the requirements of the building project given by the Diocese. There is concern we are not being given the ability to do complete the project.

The members reviewed the building project budget led by Bill Neumayer. They began formulating a plan that will allow the project to move forward. Many aspects and options were discussed while considering the financial needs to do so. The costs related to the project were discussed at length. Larry Hellhake assured the group even if the 5th Street property sales we will still have two sites to worship in for a long time. The possible impact on the school and various options to assure the schools future were brainstormed and debated. Bill reiterated the importance of not disrupting the efforts of the past 6 years. We've come a long way on this journey and we need to get to the next step.

Ongoing discussions led to the conclusion a letter would be drafted to the Bishop concisely detailing the achievements, the current status and proposals to complete the project this community has been tasked with accomplishing.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*