

St. Jerome Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Members Present – Father David, Judd Mellott, Dick Vicenzi, Jim Alvord, Jerry Holdridge, Joe Mastrianna, Dan Loch, Dom Vento, Bill Groener

- Fr. David conducted the opening prayer.
- The minutes from the prior meeting were accepted.

Sound System

- Fr. Dave reported that the son's of Jeff Smith, both of whom are extremely qualified, worked on completely rewiring our sound system. John Leskovsky put temporary speakers in the sanctuary. The Smith's then documented all the work performed. Altel will come in and put permanent speakers in the sanctuary. Altel also stated that the current speakers were not "in synch". They will adjust accordingly, add speakers for the front of the church and a separate equalizer for the musicians. When that work is completed Bill Groener will have someone from his firm come in to review the entire system.

Church Security

- One of our parishioners, who is in the video business, has offered to supply and install three cameras at no charge. Joe Abruscato, who is the head of security at his firm, has offered to review our plans. Fr. Dave will get a proposal to include 2-3 cameras attached to motion detectors and an alarm. The plan also includes locking both ends of Busy Bodies and installing a buzzer entry system like All Saints. Joe M. agreed to speak to the police about the ongoing investigation.

Financial Affairs

- The Diocese is currently interviewing companies to provide centralized payroll services.
- The financial statements for the first half of the year were reviewed. Income from non-extraordinary sources was within \$1,000 of budget and expenses within \$3,000.
- It was agreed that Judd would write a letter to the parish stating the basic procedures for financial control. The letter is also to inform everyone that all information is available for review and that our meetings are open.
- An idea to conduct a monthly 50-50 raffle was discussed. Due to the increased restrictions placed on raffles, by the state, it was decided not to proceed.
- It was mentioned that more volunteers are needed to help count the weekly collections. Currently help is needed on Sunday afternoons. Jim Alvord offered to help. In a short time the Diocese will require that all weekend collections be put in a safe until Monday and then counted and brought to the bank on the same day.

Raffle

- Jim Alvord reported that a new smaller raffle committee had a meeting with its next meeting scheduled for March 1st. This year's first prize will be a 2007 BMW X3. Second prize will be a Flat panel TV. This year's raffle will feature fewer but more valuable prizes. The raffle drawing and banquet will be held again at Continental Manor. The date is set for Tuesday, June 5th. Ticket sales will be limited to 1,000 and will be sold beginning Easter weekend. Stop & Shop will be added as a place of sale. Volunteers are needed.

- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting scheduled for April 24th at 7:30 in the rectory.