

St. Jerome Finance Committee Minutes

April 22, 2008

In attendance: Bill Groener, Skip Vincent, Frank J. Soldano, Dan Loch, Jerry Holdridge, Dick Vincenzi, Angela Carey, Judd Mellott, Father David Blanchfield, Bob Olson.

After the minutes of the March meeting were revised, they were unanimously approved by the members.

Building Committee

The Building Committee is looking into the necessary steps to build a 6,000 square foot building capable of seating 300 people next to the Rectory on Half Mile.

Judd Mellott went to City Hall and found that there is no site plan on file, but we will have to have all necessary approvals and variances before we can begin.

Father Dave went to Bridgeport to find out the process that has to be followed to get approval for the building. To begin all outstanding debts owed to the diocese have to be paid. Right now we have none outstanding. We have to have the preliminary plans and the estimated costs completed before we can present them to the Building and Sacred Arts Committee. We have to present the plans to the Bishop and make any changes he may recommend.

We must have all of the plans and estimates in place and a commitment from the parish for 50% cash and 50% pledge before we will get the final approval from the Diocese. The project will take 2 to 3 years before construction will begin. The next Building Committee meeting will be on April 28.

3rd Quarter Review

The committee reviewed the results of the 3rd quarter. Because of the new Quick Books Chart of Accounts instituted by the Diocese, the reports were easier to understand than they have been before.

2008-2009 Budget

The Diocese insists that the budget for next year must be completed by June 1, 2008. The budget will be presented for approval to the committee at the May 28th meeting.

Increased Offertory Giving Appeal

A motion was made and seconded to have an increased offertory giving appeal in-house in September to cover increasing parish expenses. The motion was unanimously approved by the attending members.