

St. Jerome Finance Committee Minutes Meeting of December 15, 2009

In attendance: Father David Blanchfield, Frank Soldano, Dick Vicenzi, Dominick Vento, Bill Groener, Bob Olson (chairperson), Jerry Holdridge, and John Kuczo

Fr. David began the meeting at 7:30 pm with a prayer for the parish and for the work of the committee.

September 15, 2009 Minutes

Minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved by the members via e-mail by October 21. A copy has been posted on the parish website and on the Pastoral Council bulletin board in the church hallway since October 24.

This December 15th meeting was called for the Finance Committee to consider proposals for the church lighting and sound systems.

Proposal of Energy Solutions

Fr. David made a presentation of the proposal of Energy Solutions, a company working for CL&P power company.

- Energy Solutions will do \$19,000.00 of work on the school and church lighting. The project includes replacing inefficient light fixtures and bulbs as well as installing energy controls.
- CL&P will pay for 40% of the project and the remainder would be paid over three years' time in monthly bills of approximately \$276.00. there will be no interest charges.

Jerry Holdridge moved to accept the proposal. His motion was seconded by Bob Olson. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Proposal by John Davis

Parishioner John Davis made two proposals.

1. Replace the circuit breaker board in the church sacristy with a Lutron board.
 - a. This would automatically control the church lights and allow for energy savings.
 - b. The Lutron board also would allow for creativity in setting different lighting settings for our various worship experiences.
 - c. And it could be used for lighting for the TOTAL teen production of "The 14 Steps" on Good Friday evening.

2. John also proposed finalizing the church sound system in a way that would
 - a. Solve past sound system inadequacies and problems
 - b. And at the same time bring together the REACH Singers and the sound technicians in the parish.

John presented a spreadsheet outlining the costs and potential savings.

- He offered to provide the technology at cost and would hire electricians who would work for \$65.00 an hour, far less than the usual cost.
- The approximate cost of both projects would be \$43,000.00.
- This project would be paid for by using \$12,00.00 already contributed by parishioners for a lighting work in the church as well as some of the \$70,000.00 gift to the parish just received in memory of Rosemarie Lerpore.

John Kuczo made a motion to accept John Davis' proposals. Gerry Holdridge seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved by the members present.

Annual Parish Raffle

John Kuczo reported on the annual parish raffle. Since a cash prize as the raffle's top prize would result in a first prize of only \$12,000.00, the committee recommended returning to a car as the first prize.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM with a prayer by Fr. David.

Submitted by:
Fr. David
March 26, 2010