

**Corpus Christi Parish  
Finance Commission Meeting  
January 8, 2020**

Present: Mike Slezak, Betty Behmlander,, Peter Kirchman, Nick Myers, Bob Klenk, Jim Stewart

Also present: Fr. Kelm, Karen Polega, Ned Bedford, Dick Jeffers, Mark Sebald  
Excused: Mike Alarie, Chuck Stroemer

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm with a prayer by Mike Slezak.

1. Ned Bedford, maintenance supervisor, was asked his opinion of the condition of the boiler. Acknowledging that the boiler is over 60 years old Ned felt the boiler itself is acceptable and life expectance unknown. It passes the annual inspection. His careful attention to daily monitoring and adding the required chemicals that are needed to keep the boiler itself in good condition should be commended. However, he feels the many components, controls, valves, thermostats, burner assemblies, lines and especially the equipment that distribute the heat are of concern. Many of these parts are no longer made and when something fails they have to be found online or custom made. He also mentioned that the boiler could not be replaced by itself because of the age and condition of the components a new boiler would require a completely new system. The event of a complete boiler failure is less likely than a failure of a major component that would be costly to repair and could still lead to other problems. After much discussion the consensus is that it is imperative that we continue to look for other alternatives.
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of November minutes.
3. Reviewed and approved November and December financial reports.
  - As of the end of December CC is ahead of budget by \$3,000.00 in S & H collections. However monthly budgets are the twelve-month budget equally divided and would not include Christmas. Another factor in budgeting vs. actual is several families in the parish are making one time annual donations nearer a fiscal yearend (by diocesan regulations our yearend is June 30<sup>th</sup>) rather than weekly or monthly donations. The total effect is that while we are slightly ahead now it is likely CC will be below budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Expense control continues to hold expenses below budget.
  - Thru December CC is \$22,642 in the black due mainly thru expense control but a deficit is still projected and will have to be addressed in the 2020/21 budget.
4. Karen presented a detailed handout on the expenses to maintain the social hall and schools, which had been requested by the commission. Combined

cost to operated school and social hall in calendar year 2019 was \$50,137.00. Approximately \$31,850.00 to the school and \$18,287.00 to the social hall. Note that the \$31,850 would not automatically be saved by mothballing the school as there would be increased use in the social hall and some costs would remain at the school.

5. Plans for social hall/school were discussed. In light of the deficit and condition of the combined heating system it is the consensus that plans to cease operating the boiler system must go forward. Father Bob was asked to discuss mothballing the school and moving all programs to other campus buildings. We will then have to project what these changes and the subsequent costs would be required to do this. The finance commission will continue to get estimates on HVAC for social hall. This is very difficult and complicated to deal with and while the easier path would just be to wait the imperative of either a boiler system breakdown or the parish financial position will mandate something needs to be done. It is better to be researching and preparing now rather than wait.
6. St. Hedwigs campus-Mike Slezak reported that he had spoken to the realtor who said there is a party with some interest in the whole campus but unsure how seriously. Commission feels we should again request our new Bishop to change Diocesan policy to allow for sale of the rectory separate from the church and social hall.
7. Chuck Stroemer will not be able to complete his term. Finance commission members are appointed by the pastor and Fr. Bob said he had several prospects he could ask.
8. Next meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirchman