

Pax Christi Collaborative Finance Council

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Fr. Philip Erickson, Business Manager Lisa Baxter

Council Members: Jerry Raque, Judie Greiner, Carol Holliger, Rick Reinert, Jeff Korfhage, Paul Moon, Hank Weiter and Bob Schroeder

Absent: Tony Reed and Monty Reeves

Recording Secretary: Clare Vize

The meeting began with a prayer by Father Philip. This is the first time we've been together since COVID-19 hit. We have lots of updates to discuss.

Lisa provided a chart regarding the re-opening schedule for all 3 campuses. Council Members can read the full text at their convenience; a few items of note were reviewed.

Bereavement lunches are up in the air at St. Elizabeth. One volunteer quit, another is willing to stay provided she has help.

Children's Church will reopen in a few weeks with some tweaking.

Volleyball is restarting at St. Therese. They are requesting the gaming license be renewed as they sell about one box of pulltabs per week. The VB Chair also talked to Lisa about Therese Bingo; several volunteers are not interested in returning, including the caller. Without a number of volunteers to help, it is not feasible at this time.

Lisa also distributed an outline of upcoming projects and other items of note and asked Council members to read the update lists line by line when they had a chance. She highlighted various projects, including several that are awaiting bids. It is doubtful that we will get assistance from the diocese since we are currently not paying assessments.

Lisa discussed gutter issues at St. Therese Rectory; \$600 should fix the problem and the green light was given to proceed. The flashing by the organ at St. Therese will cost a couple thousand dollars, and there is a bid pending. Some tiles from the roof were found in the courtyard, but not sure if they are from the rectory or the church. Hopefully a drone can be sent up to verify that issue.

At St. Elizabeth, the OVEC blueprints are still pending, as a final design has not been completed. The bulk of the work will be on the 3rd floor, an elevator will be installed at the current double glass door site and the front of the Senior Center will be impacted. Egress must be brought up to code in ALL areas of the building for the safety of the children. Electric service for OVEC will be metered separate and they will pay their actual usage, instead of a prorated amount; there will be no gas service. They will install their own heating; our boiler will not be used for that floor and they will add A/C to their leased space. The Senior Center's computer/camera/security servers need to be removed from the OVEC space; this will be done in the next week by volunteers and Elizabeth will pay for any supplies necessary for the move. Freezers still need to be removed from the stairwell – Jerry Raque has a plan and will deal with them.

St. Therese gym's electrical service ground wire has been relocated; removing the last tie to the cafeteria. We are now completely severed from the school, and the diocese can separate the deed restrictions and cross easement agreements, as requested by the current owner. The gym wall crack is being repaired by our maintenance man when he has spare time.

At OMOS, the trees in front of St. Anne's House will be removed this week due to roots getting down into the plumbing. LG&E trimmed them halfway down, so the tree cutters will remove the rest and grind the stumps. Funds for renovation came in after the LEO Weekly article, OMOS paid the other half of the tree removal. We're still working through the zoning question. The Committee will eventually do a capital campaign in the community for repairs. Jerry suggested we might get contractors to donate some of their labor to the House. Father said Catholic Charities has a deal with GE for appliances.

The adoration window is looking great. Father asked Clare to remind him to publicly thank Diane Ising Smith for her work in the flower garden outside the window.

The parish office basement flooded twice recently; we've installed a 2nd sump pump, with battery backup and alarm system that notifies staff mobile phones if there is an issue. An insurance claim has been filed to replace the carpeting downstairs.

Father Dolan is moving out of the OMOS rectory apartment at the end of June due to an assignment in the Southern Kentucky Missions parishes; we currently have no prospective tenants. Regarding OMOS other rental properties; the property management company is working with clients to help them get assistance, most have received some type of COVID assistance to keep current with their rent, unsure what will happen when assistance runs out.

A bid form divided by parish was handed out and reviewed. St. Elizabeth's school and rectory both need roofs. It would be prudent to fix both now, rather than pick one and let the other suffer more damage. If the other two parishes loan St. Elizabeth the extra money needed to fix the roofs, they can use the OVEC rental income to pay back.

Budgets were then discussed. The PPP loan has been forgiven and although it was forgiven in June, we will not recognize the income until July to prop up the new fiscal budget. Lisa reiterated that OMOS school building is now sitting empty, we are limited in our choices for a tenant due to zoning and it's going to hit the budget hard. She and Fr. discussed a previously interested party that had to be let go due to Archdiocesan concerns about some personal business of the founder and namesake of the proposed school. Jerry asked if it could be used as office space, Lisa was unsure about the zoning requirements. It was suggested that the Council meet again in 3 weeks to review the budgets. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at 6PM with pizza to review the budgets. Lisa will submit 1st draft options to the Council no later than July 2nd.

Lisa asked the Council if they wanted to make a decision on the St. Elizabeth roofs. Fr. Philip asked that Lisa send everyone the bids for both E's roofing and T's front church wall, along with her recommendations, and the Council could then advise at the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.