

St. Bernard's Finance Council Minutes
Summary for June 2016

June 6 Special Meeting

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Bernie Shambour, Ralph Laumann, Kelli Starkey, Sherry Witte, Andy Kleindl, Laura Templin, Leo Willems, Lenny Hoen, Roger Storms, Mary Lou Wildung

7: 00 meeting started with prayer from Fr. Gregory.

Reviewed bid proposals for the church windows from the vendors. Presented by Roger Storms.

Discussed proposals

Approved motion to have Roger enter into negotiations with the vendor to do the church windows.

8:30 Fr. Gregory ended the meeting with a prayer

June 20 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Bernie Shambour, Ralph Laumann, Sherry Witte, Andy Kleindl, Laura Templin, Leo Willems, Kelli Starkey

7: 00 meeting started with prayer from Fr. Gregory.

Adopted May 16th Finance Council Minutes with discussed changes

Adopted June 20th, 2016 meeting agenda

Update from Fr. Gregory:

- Stewardship: Fr is planning a meeting to engage parish children in stewardship.
- Fundraisers: There has been little volunteer response for the winter carnival. Unless a significant number of leaders step forward by the July 1, 2016 deadline, there will not be a winter carnival this year.
- Facilities: Goal to have a few proposals for school and convent building by July, 2017. It was noted that the shingles on the school building are beginning to curl.
- Church Accounting: beginning in August the accounting and financial statements will be done internally by Sherry Witte, and PASC will no longer be utilized.

Members discussed the timing of publishing the finance council minutes and bulletin inserts. The published council meeting minutes will be approximately one month in arrears.

Ralph reported on the May 2016 financials.

- YTD Total Revenue is \$27,216 ahead of budget
- YTD total expenses are \$24,226 below budget. This is due to a delay in the start of the Business Administrator and the start of maintenance projects.

Members discussed the separate choir account, and whether it should be closed and the funds moved into the general operating account and be run through general operations, as recommended by the Archdiocese. Sherry will be researching this.

Members provided feedback and approved, with changes, a capital improvements outline prepared by Sherry. The outline will be included in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Approved

The Budget was tabled to June 22.

Bernie has retired from finance council on which he was the chairman. His talents and experience were priceless on the council, and while no longer serving on the Council, he will be available to assist in projects intermittently. You will be missed Bernie!

Ralph has accepted the appointment to chair of the finance council. Members look forward to his leadership as we move strategic initiative forward for the parish. Congratulations Ralph!

8:50 Fr. Gregory ended the meeting with a prayer

June 22 Special Meeting

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Ralph Laumann, Kelli Starkey, Sherry Witte, Andy Kleindl, Laura Templin, Leo Willems, Roger Storms, Mary Lou Wildung, Nancy Kerber

7:00 meeting started with prayer from Fr. Gregory.

Discussed with a representative from Cathedral Crafts, Inc. regarding the stained glass window restoration project. Reviewed our different options of how to precede with completing the project. Discuss payment and bonding terms.

8:25 Fr. Gregory ended the meeting with a prayer

8:30: Meeting called to order Supplemental Meeting – Budget Discussion and Approval

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Ralph Laumann, Sherry Witte, Laura Templin, Leo Willems, Kelli Starkey

Council members discussed the proposed budget. Overall, revenues were increased by 2.5% over prior year budgeted numbers. Expenses were considered line by line. The following changes were made to expenses:

- Add \$500 for volunteer appreciation
- Add \$900 for convent utilities

Changes resulted in a minor increased in budgeted expenses of \$1,400 for the year.

Council approved the budget with the above changes.

Approved a motion to have a performance bond from Cathedral Crafts, Inc. for the stained glass window project.

9:00: Fr. Gregory ended meeting with a prayer.

PARISH NEWS

Chili Feed meeting: Wednesday 3rd—7:00 pm in the school basement. Anyone interested in helping with the Chili Feed, please attend this meeting.

Altar Server Appreciation Day with the Minnesota Twins!

- * Sunday, September 11th 1:10PM game for the altar servers of our parishes
- * 10 tickets available for the servers from each parish.
- * 8 tickets for chaperones-- 4 for each church.
- * If, by August 15th, one church doesn't use the 10 tickets (servers) or 4 tickets (chaperones), they will be offered to the other church.
- * We will be arranging a bus for transportation. The tickets will be offered on a first come, first served basis.
- * Coordination for this event is thru Pam Beckius at St. Bernard Church.
- * Reservations: contact Pam at 952-466-2031 or bookkeeper@st-bernard-cologne.org.
- * If she is not available, please leave a message with your name and the name of the server, your telephone number, what parish you're from, or if you would like to chaperone.
- * Chaperones: need to be Essential 3 certified no later than August 15, 2016, if not already certified.
- * If you have questions about your certification please call. Permission slips and liability waivers will be mailed to you.

AREA HAPPENINGS

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostom

Grow deeper in that love! A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Oct 7-9, 2016 in Buffalo, MN and Nov 18-20, 2016 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

World Youth Day Prayer for the United States in preparation for World Youth Day 2016

God our Father,

Be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith.
Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead.

Lord Jesus,

Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter.
Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored.
Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.

Holy Spirit,

Transform us. Empower us to give of ourselves to the poor;
to welcome the lost; to forgive those who hurt us;
to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.
Bless those who travel on mission from the United States of America
to Krakow in Poland, Land of Divine Mercy,
to join the universal Church for World Youth Day.

Bless, too, those who celebrate stateside, united in faith and joy.

Like the disciples who journeyed up the mountain to witness the Transfiguration,
May this experience be an encounter that strengthens us for our work in the world.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception,
patroness of our nation,
May we be worthy witnesses of our faith,
humble representatives of our country,
and inspired missionaries
bringing peace, hope, and mercy into our communities.
Amen.

Saint James the Apostle,
patron of pilgrim travelers,
pray for us.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,
young faithful witness from our native land,
pray for us.

Saint Therese of Lisieux,
patroness of missionaries and advocate for youth,
pray for us.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati,
man of the beatitudes and patron of young adults,
pray for us.

Saint John Paul II,
son of Poland and patron of World Youth Day,
pray for us.

SUMMARY OF RAMSEY COUNTY HEARING ON JULY 20, 2016

In June 2015, the Ramsey County Attorney's Office brought civil and criminal charges against the Archdiocese alleging a failure to protect children in the handling of a former priest. That former priest, Curtis Wehmeyer, is in prison after pleading guilty to abusing three young people while the pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Saint Paul.

In December 2015, the Archdiocese settled the civil claims and entered into an agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney. Under that Civil Settlement Agreement, the Archdiocese agreed to take additional steps to protect children, including the following:

- Consulting and working with the Archdiocese's Board of Directors, Ministerial Review Board, parishes, schools, priests and communities served – to make sure we have the most up-to-date and effective policies, protocols and procedures in the country.
- Ensuring that all priests, teachers, volunteers, seminarians and others who have regular contact with children undergo background checks, attend regular child protection training and abide by a stringent code of conduct.
- On-site parish audits to ensure that environments are safe and staff and volunteers are effectively supervising young people.
- Notifying law enforcement of all allegations of sexual abuse and not take any action involving priests or Archdiocesan employees until given permission.
- Notifying the public when a priest or deacon accused of sexual abuse of a minor is removed from ministry and hosting parish meetings to make sure those impacted have the most complete information.
- Making full use of the talented and experienced members of the Ministerial Review Board. This month, County Attorney Choi recommended well-known child-safety advocate Patty Wettlerling to the MRB. The Archdiocese is thankful she has agreed to be part of the ten lay members and two clergy members who help assess priests' fitness for ministry.

Today, the Archdiocese appeared in Court for its first update regarding its progress implementing the Settlement Agreement. Its publicly filed report was accepted by the Judge and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. The Archdiocese will make updates under the Civil Settlement Agreement every six months.

The Archdiocese also announced an amendment to the Civil Settlement Agreement that, among other things, extends the agreement until February 2020 and acknowledged its failure to prevent the abuse that occurred by the former priest.

During the hearing, the Ramsey County Attorney's Office announced the dismissal of the criminal charges brought against the Archdiocese Corporation in June of 2015, ending the criminal proceedings. The Archdiocese will work with the Ramsey County Attorney to implement the Settlement Agreement and to conduct Restorative Justice sessions to address the abuse that occurred.

For more information on how the Archdiocese is creating and maintaining safe environments, go to <http://safe-environment.archspm.org/>



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 20, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Traditionally, at the beginning of each Mass, we stand and ask God and each other to forgive “what we have done and what we have failed to do.” It is a humbling prayer.

Today has been a day of asking for forgiveness for what we have done and what we have failed to do. In our statement filed in court this morning, the Archdiocese admitted to failures in the handling of Curtis Wehmeyer, who once served as priest of this Archdiocese. We failed to give priority to the safety and wellbeing of the children he hurt over his interests and those of the Archdiocese. In particular, we failed to prevent him from sexually abusing children. Those children, their parents, their family, their parish and others were harmed. We are sorry. I am sorry.

I know that words alone are not enough. We must do better. Far-reaching changes have already been underway. The Archdiocese has added lay personnel with relevant experience and solid expertise to help create the safest environments possible. The Civil Settlement Agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney, which today we expanded and extended for a total of four years, holds the Archdiocese accountable and ensures that our actions will continue to match our words. In court this morning, we presented our first progress report to Judge Teresa Warner and laid out to her our progress so far and our commitment going forward.

When I arrived here about a year ago, criminal and civil charges against the Archdiocese had just been announced. A decision had to be made: do we fight the charges in court – which would have taken years of time and resources -- or do we work with the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office to try to make amends to those harmed and achieve justice for all in the broadest possible way. I am grateful that the Lord seems to have offered guidance in many different forms. I am particularly appreciative for the advice that was provided by our lay leadership at the Archdiocesan level, as well as for the wise counsel and support of my brother priests and deacons.

Cooperation seems to have been the right avenue for achieving a just resolution. Today, the Ramsey County Attorney dismissed the criminal charges. More importantly, through our Civil Settlement Agreement, John Choi and I have committed to a course of action that will keep kids as safe as possible. I am grateful that his office will hold us

accountable. Over the past year, we worked with Mr. Choi and his team to define how the Archdiocese can best create and maintain safe environments for children in our parishes, schools and communities. Over the past six months, we have demonstrated our commitment to that path. Today, we humbly acknowledge our past failures and look forward to continuing down that path to achieve those vital, common goals that together we all share.

I pledge to all victims and survivors, to the community, and to you, my brothers and sisters of this local Church, to move forward openly, collaboratively and humbly, and always mindful of our past. We will never forget.

I ask that you continue to pray for all victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please also pray for me and know of my daily prayer for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis