

Minutes of Finance and Administration Commission Meeting  
5 pm, August 23, 2004

Members present: Dick Brown, Peter Orazem, Bobby LeBlanc, Carl Bern, Jennifer Fliehler, Fr Ev Hemann, Fr Scott Boone, Freddy Aveiga

-Jennifer led the group in prayer.

-Minutes for the July meeting were approved.

-The video, *Faithful Citizenship* produced by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops was viewed and discussed.

-Peter led a discussion of the Ministry Fair to be held on the coming weekend. FAC will have a booth. Assignments for members to be at the booth after all masses were confirmed.

-Jennifer reported on development. The account balance in the Supple Endowment is about \$1.4 million. The balance in the Pastor's Housing Fund is at \$52,310. There is another \$80,000 available from a donor if this amount is matched. Fr Hemann is working with Pinnacle Properties to have a town house built in the Somerset area. Occupancy is scheduled for January 31, 2005.

-Bobby reported on budget in Ina's absence. The surplus from Fy 2004 (~\$19k) was applied toward the parish debt. No other financials are available at this time.

-Peter discussed Stewardship in Wayne's absence. The sacrificial appeal will be the second week on October. Fr Ev will give the homily. A volunteer appreciation night is being planned, with a Mardi Gras theme and Cajun food cooked by Bobby.

-Dick reported on Building and Grounds. The fall cleanup day is scheduled for October 16. The Building and Grounds subcommittee is looking into installing fans in the church to save heating energy in the winter. They will get a price and then make a proposal to FAC.

-Bobby had several items of church business to discuss. A company approached Bobby, requesting that St Thomas participate in the production of a collage of pictures of Ames landmarks. The price would be \$400. Four persons were in favor of doing this; three didn't care. Jennifer may try to find four \$100 donors to cover the cost.

Mechanical Comfort has just completed \$1150 in repairs.

The sum of \$3411 was recently received from the bulletin publisher as profit sharing from its publication.

Next meeting: Sept 20 at 5 pm.

Minutes by Carl Bern