

Saint John Vianney Catholic Church
Buildings and Grounds Committee

Subcommittee to Finance Council

Meeting Minutes March 14, 2019, 6:30 PM

Members: Please put the following date on your calendar for the next meeting: May 9, 2019 – 6:30 PM
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Ex Officio Members	
Fr. Edwin M. Kornath	Pastor
Robb Lied	DAS
Members	
Kurt Soens	
Mike Reiels	
Patrick Connolly	
Todd Prudlow	Chair
Mark Herr	
Gordy Gaeth	
Charles Landey	Secretary

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Todd Prudlow, Chairman

Attendance - Members

Robb Lied, Mike Reiels, Kurt Soens, Todd Prudlow, and Charles Landey. Kurt has rejoined the committee after having served in the past.

Attendance – Guests

None.

Opening prayer

Robb led the opening prayer.

Minutes

Minutes of the January 16, 2019, meeting were approved.

Old Business – West Playground Drainage

All bids have been rejected as much too high. While it was suggested that splitting the project among various specialty contractors might lower the total cost, this proposal seems unlikely to happen. Instead, Robb will consult landscape design professionals and rethink the project from the beginning.

Robb insists that the work must be done this summer and that it cost no more than about \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Old Business – Rectory Chimney Repair

The portion of the chimney above the roof must be replaced. That and any needed repairs to the adjacent roof will cost \$4,500 to \$7,500. Following that, repairs to interior water damage will be done at a cost of a few hundred dollars.

Old Business – MSI Closeout

Repairs to the mounting of the main doors are well under way and most likely will prove satisfactory.

Robb will ask Fr. Edwin and/or Patrick Connolly for a paint color for the shadow lettering. A committee member suggested that given the lighting scene (day or night) the color hardly matters.

Robb expressed disappointment that MSI installed electric heat at the narthex entrance when the scope called for hydro heating units and hot water lines were readily available. He will ask MSI to replace these units.

A letter from a parish member was read asking why painting around the Stations hasn't been done. Robb said that this was deleted from the building project's scope. He is open to doing this if the needed money is donated.

The drainage grooves in the sidewalk at the school entrance appear to be working. A committee member suggested that the concrete be sealed, a process that would need to be refreshed every few years.

Old Business – HVAC

The school cafeteria is now be heated by the one remaining furnace (of the previous two). No further action.

A new rooftop unit for the parish center is on order.

Old Business – Prayer Garden

Site prep work may come out of the parish budget. The young parish members proposing the garden will raise funds for construction above grade. They will also be expected to make an ongoing commitment for maintenance.

Robb will coordinate design activities between the young volunteers and professional landscape designers. Robb or the Committee will review drawings and materials specifications. As a reminder, finished surfaces must be disability accessible.

Old Business – Energy Audit

Robb updated the Committee on the audits prepared by We Energies. Due to the scope of needed energy abatement projects and Robb’s lack of time with other pressing needs, neither he nor Nick has made much progress so far.

The Committee discussed how to proceed with new LED lighting. A consensus emerged that broadly speaking there are two types of projects, each with their own priorities and each with their own design needs. One type of project is where the existing infrastructure (luminaires, controls, tracks) is worn out and needs constant, costly maintenance. Notably in this category are the gymnasium and even more so the front of the sanctuary. These projects will need professional design, likely from lighting suppliers who know their inventories.

As a side note, a Committee member suggested that a less heavy lift would ease maintenance because the existing, heavier lift requires sheeting be put down to protect the sanctuary floor.

As another side note, another Committee member suggested simplified controls for sanctuary lighting.

The other type, broadly speaking, of LED lighting is where the existing infrastructure is simpler and in better condition, such as throughout the school and throughout the parish center.

Looking at these two broad types of projects it was agreed that LED conversion must be broken down into smaller pieces we can get our arms around. Robb can then take each piece to the Finance Council for consideration for funding.

Action: Robb will assemble a working group of experienced persons to meet with Nick and himself with a goal of meeting the April 29th capital budget submittal.

New Business – Activity Center Flat Roof

Robb has identified the contractor and the work will proceed.

New Business – Low-Volt Wiring for Building Access Points

The bids received so far are greatly in variance from one another. Robb to seek another bid and he or Todd will contact those companies who have so far bid for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles N. Landey, Secretary