

SPECIAL MEETING NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tuesday – March 3, 2009
7:30 P.M. – Nazareth Room
Church of the Nativity

Lenten Evening Prayer was held in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Greg Schmalz called the Special Meeting of the Pastoral Council to order at 7:27 p.m., pursuant to notice, and led the council in Opening Prayer.

Council Members Present:

Fr. Kevin Boucher, Fr. Gary Luiten, Duane Koble, Terri Dahl, Bonnie Faller, Betty Hund, Ken Jablonsky, Brenda Lang, Joe Miranowski, Bev Nesler, Chenise Nesler, Abby Rheault, Greg Schmalz, Joel Simons, Kevin Wolf, Corporate Secretary Mykal Nester and Corporate Treasurer Michael O'Leary.

Council Members Absent:

Betty Hund, Ed Schwind and Leon Senn

Guest: David Schultz, Architect of Schultz & Associates

Minutes from the 02/24/2009 Parish Council meeting were provided prior to the meeting and accepted by unanimous consensus.

Nativity Anew II

As requested at the 02/24/09 meeting, Architect David Schultz presented a revised handout comparing the costs for a Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) versus a Boiler/Fan Coil system. Mr. Schultz discussed the following points and answered questions.

- energy cost savings
- construction needs for each system
- the fact that he has not put in a GSHP system in Excel territory before; and that Excel does not have incentive savings
- that yearly maintenance costs were not included in the project, as there was no way to quantify these costs
- the Chiller is optional for the Boiler/Fan Coil System, for a savings of \$72,000
- would be a 20.5 year payback from the GSHP system
- annual heating savings was only \$4,209
- Estimated construction cost of the GSHP system cost was \$876,300 vs. \$790,000 for the Boiler/Fan Coil System (includes optional chiller). Add an additional \$73,000 for Other Project Costs to each estimate for total cost.

Fr. Kevin handed out a revised Pro/Con sheet and noted:

- The project was presented to the parish as one complete package and not a phase project.
- The roofing part of the project has been completed. The boiler is a part of the original project.
- If present boiler goes down, significant portions of the campus would have no heat.
- The boiler is 50-years old. Would be taking a risk by doing nothing if the boiler went down during the winter months.
- It is the 1960s part of the campus that is in need of replacing. Focus on keeping needs in perspective and prioritize accordingly.
- Circumstances have changed since the Capital Campaign was started; as the Capital Campaign has been temporarily halted due to an uncertain future with the economic downturn.

Fr. Kevin stated that he would be more comfortable not to rush a decision at this time and possibly wait a year before replacing the boiler system. Within a year, we can see where the economy is at and allow time to communicate the situation to the Parish and the Diocese.

Joel Simons recommended that a decision be made to either replace the boiler now with the Fan Coil System or if the decision is to wait a year, then put a contingency plan in place in the event the boiler would go down; i.e. moving children to other school facilities while the boiler was being replaced.

It is a high probability that the heating system will need to be replaced before the total funds for the Nativity Anew II campaign are secured. However; by waiting a year, additional campaign funds would be collected.

After further discussion, the suggestion to form a contingency plan was recognized as a necessity rather than as an option. To put such a plan in place, was recommended that FCSN be contacted, as well as other schools in the area and what extra space they had available, and check with the Public School System and how they might help in an emergency. Waiting a year or two would also allow time to contact non-parishioners for funding who have students in the education center; and can continue requesting grants from the area Foundations; as well as allow time to communicate with our parishioners.

Duane Koble asked for an individual consensus from each council member regarding which heating system they would prefer. The council agreed that although the boiler is old, it is still operating at this time; therefore, hold on replacing the boiler until 2010 and seriously consider the Fan Coil System without the Chiller, as this piece of equipment could be added later as funds allowed. Recommended that a Committee be formed to outline a contingency plan in the event that the boiler would fail prior to being replaced.

The following council members volunteered to be on the Contingency Committee:

- Trustees Mykal Nester and Michael O'Leary
- Duane Koble
- Abby Rheault – Will call the initial meeting of the Contingency Committee
- Kevin Wolf – Liaison from FCSN
- Cindy Hutchins
- Fr. Kevin Boucher
- Joel Simons – Liaison from Pastoral Council

This Disaster Relocation Plan, in conjunction with a Communication Plan to keep the parish notified of the situation on a regular basis, will assist all those involved to meet the needs of the campus. Fr. Kevin thanked the council members for their time and input.

Joel Simons asked David Schultz to provide an estimate if gas prices increased 2-3% per year for the next 5 years, as this will affect which boiler to choose in 1-2 years.

On another note, Duane Koble asked that a future agenda item include discussion about “development” and including the church in a person’s will.

Announcements

Vice Chair Greg Schmalz announced that the Pastoral Council would next meet on April 28, 2009.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Greg Schmalz led the Council in Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lang

Recording Secretary