

Finance Committee Minutes

9/25/2025

Present: Jonathan Duda, Kelly Homrich, Steve Homrich, John Schmitz, Fr. Jerry Strange, Lily Berlyn, Mark Berlyn.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 with pray with Fr. Jerry.

The agenda only had one issue.

Our feasibility study, conducted by Greater Mission was reviewed beforehand and the results showed that although most want to go ahead with the propose building of a new church seating 1000, a Faith Formation Building, Pre-School and Eucharistic Chapel, the price is deemed extremely possible to achieve. The overall project is priced at \$44 million. We would have to raise half of that to secure a loan to go ahead, \$22 million.

We communicated by zoom with the Greater Mission representative to decide what to do next.

Several items were brought up.

1. The overall project is not clear
2. The price is too high.
3. How should we proceed.

With suggestion from Greater Mission, the finance committee decided to prepare a brochure explaining the entire project in detail and also offer suggestions to cut back on cost. That would include going back to the architect and eliminating some features in the buildings or eliminating some buildings from the project completely.

Wording for the brochure was provided and given to Ms. Alaina Switzer for production. After the brochure is prepared, the finance committee and Greater Mission will review and then have them prepared to hand out. This brochure explains the project and explain cost cutting features.

A combination of communication was then established.

1. A meeting with the architectural firm of Bauer/Askew to explain how we got to the point we are now. Bauer/Askew designed the original overall plan for the entire campus. Then the firm would explain the buildings proposed going forward. Question and answer time to be provided. This meeting would be taped and presented on Nativity's visual communication systems: Flocknote, website, etc...
2. A Town Hall Meeting with the building committee to discuss options with time for questions and answers. Also time for questions and answers. This too would be taped and sent out to the community.
3. An open portal on the website would provide for suggestions that would be collected.
4. A final Town Hall Meeting to offer the results of the aforementioned meetings.

The meeting was concluded with prayer at 7:00