

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY  
DIOCESAN FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD  
Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024  
Pastoral Center, 27 C Street, Salt Lake City, Utah**

**PRESENT**

Bishop Oscar A. Solis  
Fr. John Evans  
Deacon George Reade  
Mark Longe  
Mark Maronick

Doug Black (Zoom)  
Andrea Steenburgh  
Candice Greenwald  
Sarah Niemann

**NOT PRESENT**

Fr. Sam Dinsdale  
Kathie Roberts

Fred Strasser  
Darcie Costello (resigned)

**GUESTS**

John Curtice  
Father Martin

Greg Glenn

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM and the opening prayers was led by Father John Evans.

**MT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY PROPOSAL & UPDATE - John Curtice**

John Curtice presented the proposal to get cash flow funding for the columbarium project:

- Cash flow backup loan of \$500,000 with 2-3 years to pay back
- Cost of completed columbarium with 375 granite-faced niches is \$475,000 – at a cost of \$1,267 per niche; \$25,000 excavation
- October - \$15,000 is due to initiate the project
- November – completed drawings and \$82,000 is due towards the contractor to start actual construction of the structure of the columbarium
- Contractor can start construction early May 2025 with August as estimated completion time
- Sell 118 of the 375 niches before completion of project to help fund the project
- On a good year, in the past 10 yrs, 45 niches were sold
- Fundraising for endowment efforts is in the works, upon approval of proposal

Father Evans stated that the current proposal is a scaled down version of the original plan, which included a whole chapel.

Candice Greenwald added that the current plan does not include any of the cost from the original plan that there is an existing loan for. So those costs would need to be funded by some of these new sales, too.

Deacon Reade mentioned possibility of a bishop sale of property, where some of the proceeds may go to fund the columbarium project.

John mentioned future plans for stacking another columbarium on top of this one, facing the opposite direction. Father Evans added that since the second columbarium will be stacked, there will be no need for additional real estate.

Candy suggested a 10% (\$50,000) contingency loan added part of the loan.

Father Evans asked for a vote of approval on the \$550,000 loan for the columbarium project - 6 approved, 0 objections, 1 abstention. Father Evans stated the proposal is approved.

### **MADELEINE CHOIR SCHOOL ORATORY PROJECT**

Some years ago, a donor approached the Choir School about making a major contribution towards the Oratory Chapel of the Choir School. It's a beautiful old English Gothic space that was built for the Rowland Hall that the Choir School have now inherited. It's a very active and vibrant place of worship. The school uses it completely and there are now more and more Quinceaneras, weddings and events being held in the oratory. He made a commitment with a list of priorities towards the project:

- 1) Replacement of the organ
- 2) Air conditioning needed in that space to maintain the integrity of the organ
- 3) Some structural work to be done at the south end of the oratory to accommodate the weight of the organ

The minute the funding became available, a committee of organists was organized. RFPs were sent out to organ builders. The design and style of the instrument was patterned after the choir organ that serves Westminster Cathedral in London. We narrowed it down to three: a local builder by the name of Michael Bigelow, Harrison & Harrison in London, and Juget-Sinclair in Montreal.

Juget-Sinclair is a very reputable company, so we asked them to move forward with a more solid proposal. These instruments are all hand-built piece by piece.

Father Evans stated that the proposal presented is for the approval of the project, since most of the money for the Oratory project has already been received or is coming next month, and the

balance is fully committed. When Father Evans asked for votes on the approval of the project, it was voted Approved.

### **MADELEINE CHOIR SCHOOL PROPOSAL**

Father Evans prefaced the discussion by stating that the project is almost done.

#### **Details on the Choir School's Field House project:**

- Since the Choir school is located in the Avenues Historic District, Historic Landmarks Commission required exterior enhancements to the masonry, fenestration, leading to additional costs.
- Public Utilities required additional \$500,000 replacement of water main and faulty valves

#### **Possible resolution:**

- Donor possibly cover the \$300K gap from other foundation he manages
- Continued urgent Capital Campaign work

#### **Concerns:**

- Monthly servicing of the 2 contingency loans totaling \$3.3 million

#### **Board suggestions:**

- Hold the vote on the approval of loan until clarification on the other sources of fund pledges are confirmed.
- Greg will make an appointment with Fr. Lawson to discuss the 2 possible resolutions with him.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Candy mentioned that at the next meeting the auditors will be presenting our audited financial statements for us to vote on.

It was also announced that email was received from Darcie Costello resigning from the committee.

### **CLOSING PRAYERS and ADJOURNMENT**

Bishop Solis said the closing prayers. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date is set for October 15, 2024.