

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY
DIOCESAN REAL ESTATE CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES of January 23, 2024
Pastoral Center, 27 C Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

PRESENT

Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw
Deacon George Reade
Fred Strasser

Mark Longe
Candice Greenwald
Sarah Niemann

GUESTS

Marlee Garcia

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM and the opening prayer was led by Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw.

APPROVAL of October 17, 2023, MINUTES

Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw asked the Diocesan Real Estate Corporation Board if they had time to look at the minutes earlier or if they would need a few minutes for review. Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw asked if there was a motion for changes or a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Longe motioned to approve the minutes, Fred Strasser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Diocesan Real Estate Corporation Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEITLER REPORT Deacon George Reade said he wanted to give an update on the Meitler Report. Deacon mentioned that from our last Fall Assembly, Bishop Oscar A. Solis wants to take all the data to the Parish Councils. Bishop wants the report to go out to all the parishes so that Parish Councils, and Parish Finance Councils can take their own data and spend some time with it. Deacon George Reade said in the Fall, they had a presentation where data were gathered, put down in numbers, and put in graphs, break them down. Deacon Reade said the way he reads it, the Bishop wants a buy in from the parish councils and allowing the parishes to have the time to review the data. Deacon Reade said that by summer this year, with the parish working with the deanery, a strategic plan will be in place. Msgr. Colin mentioned that Bishop is also doing this at the deanery level. Mark Longe asked to clarify that the parishes are getting their individual reports, the Bishop is sharing the full report with the deans/deaneries and the deans are sharing it with the pastors. Deacon Reade and Msgr. Colin confirmed that statement and added that all the priests and everybody in the Diocesan Pastoral Council also got the full

report. Deacon Reade added that the Bishop wants everybody to be aware of the possible consolidation plans of building or closure of some churches somewhere.

JUDGE MEMORIAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Deacon George Reade reminded all that a consultant recommended that a person be hired just for the Judge Memorial Catholic High School capital campaign. Deacon said there will be an announcement in a few days regarding this person. Deacon added this person has great background, great connections, and good style. Deacon George Reade said they have contacted the property seller and are still in clear communication. Mark Longe said that they have hired someone for the capital campaign, and they would work with the consultant for the capital campaign.

Mark Longe said that since the last meeting Judge Memorial Catholic High School has received a second gift for the capital campaign. Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw said that it didn't seem like a lot since the last meeting. Mark Longe said that there was a pause until we hired this new person. Mark Longe said that with the new hire, it would be nice to set some front goals now to try to get to some benchmarks for the project.

Candice Greenwald asked if they have finance staff to track the cost of the project. Candice Greenwald said that she has concerns that this project can run away fast and that they need to start tracking early. Mark Longe said that for a project this size, there has been talk of hiring a project manager. Msgr. Colin said these projects need to be taken care of by trusted and reliable people. Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw said that it is critical that the diocese does not incur a debt from this project. Mark Longe asked if Candice Greenwald could provide a template of a spreadsheet for the new person to use so that it is exactly what she needs on how the project should be financially tracked.

CHOIR SCHOOL'S FIELDHOUSE Deacon Reade spoke with Greg Glenn, who says they are shooting for September 5 to have it opened.

ST JOSEPH ELEMENTARY Deacon George Reade said that Saint Joseph Elementary is looking at 10 months for their project and they are hoping for a February 12 start.

GOOD SAMARITAN The Cathedral staff has moved into the Good Samaritan building.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RECTORY Should have their rectory by the end of March.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.