

**19<sup>TH</sup> WARD BULLSHEAD / CORN HILL / U of R  
PLANNING GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 25, 20004**

Finance Group

Group met for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the status of finances in respective parishes.

1. Saints Peter and Paul Church

Judy Graper, parishioner and Finance Chair spoke about status of finances at parish

- Seems parish never has enough money to do what needs/wants to do
- SSPP doesn't owe money – no debt
- Has a small endowment
- Declining contributions, declining numbers of people; although also receiving new parishioners
- Leasing buildings on campus; e.g. Parish House to Sisters of St. Joseph ministry for teachers

2. RCC19

Mario spoke for RCC19

- \$377,000 RCC19 payroll/benefits; does not include Operating Budget
- Projected loss without support of approximately \$100,000 for 2004
- Operating budget within respective parishes
- Increasing costs to payroll/benefits

Health Care – self insured

Priest Pensions

Diocesan directive regarding pay scale, benefits, pensions

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Bernie spoke in behalf of OLGC

- \$40,000 cash loss for 2004
- Steady decline parishioners and contributions, declining people
- Aging population of parishioners

St. Augustine

- How long is viability given current circumstances?
- The question of “how long” must be asked
- Serious lack from pulpit: Enthusiasm regarding giving \$ to support church

St. Monica's

- On paper shows up “in the black”
- Recently received Endowment – targeted for Capitol Expenditures
- 2004 – 2005: \$40,000 loss + 15,000
- Has \$11,000 in stock designated toward capitol expenses
- Diocese cut rent paid to school; increased assessment

Emmanuel Church for the Deaf

- Needs \$2,000 per week to survive
- Collections \$400/week
- Need Diocesan grant for hearing impaired and deaf
- Ministry costs \$
- Communicate with members/parishioners when they are not there and not Contributing

3. Newman Community

\$120,000 budget – mostly staff and benefits

\$20,000 – Collections

Balance from alumni, solicitations, friends

- No building responsibilities; no rent cost; maintained by U of R
- Pluses and minuses to such arrangement; some restrictions
- No debt
- Past years easily \$20,000 - \$30,000 debts
- \$20,000 received annually from Diocese
- Nothing in Reserve
- Some designated funds; perhaps \$20,000
- Constituencies

Primarily students

Permanent local residents – fluctuates; about 20 families

Perhaps 400 students regularly; although serves a 40,000-Catholic population

Participated in Partners in Faith

4. Immaculate Conception

- School rented
- School assessment to Diocese
- Partners In Faith positive response
- \$400,000 owed to Holy Sepulchre
- Breaking even, but struggling

5. Business Plan for everyone/all churches in RCC19 Planning Group

- Meeting ended on the idea of working together toward a collaborative business plan
- Such a plan, in addition to Finances, would include Evangelization; Responsibilities; Collaborations