

St. Leo's Catholic Church
Pastoral, Finance Councils, Buildings & Grounds Committee
Unapproved minutes
Thursday, March 4, 2010
6:30 pm Community Center

- 1.0 **Meeting called to order:** Father Vetter called meeting to order.
- 2.0 **Opening prayer:** Led by Father Vetter.
- 3.0 **Roll Call:** Attending members signed in; 22 attended. Teri Black, Patti Thomas, Jean Feist, Gary Volk, Barb Stredwick, Scott Johannsen, Eugene Klein, Kevin Sebastian, Cory Bohlig, Grace Fisher, Clay Rein, Marty Anderson, Dick Butts, James D. Olson, Brian Rodgers, Cindy Clark, Pat Richter, Christine Morsfield, Kim Tande, Paul Kramer, Father Waltz, Deacon Dangel.
- 4.0 **New Business:**
- 4.1 **Possible Sale of Community Center:** The Community Center was one of four building proposals submitted to Ward County.
1. Ward County is interested but would need to bring it to a vote at sometime in the future to go further with a sale.
 2. Minot Homeless Coalition, in working with the parish, would buy the building for transfer of services for five years (six if furniture is included in the sale). These services would include the use of the current office space occupied by the church staff and the use of the conference room. At any time in the five years they will have the option to buy the building out right.
- Father Vetter discussed the sale of the building to the Homeless Coalition with the Bishop and they are open to the idea. To have St. Leo's a "Mother Church" of the diocese participate in the stewardship of aiding a movement that would begin a gathering of community services is honorable. These services would address areas of high need in the community. Father Vetter discussed possible future plans of the Coalition which included grant research and the cooperation of other support services of Minot.
- Dialog from council members included a possible long term plan for the church offices and short term if the building is bought out right. There is an exclusionary clause with current realtors; having the realtor fees waved with the sale to the Coalition. There is also an understanding that the county could take an extended amount of time to make a decision. Council members were asked to rate on a scale from one to ten their support of the sale to the Homeless Coalition. Of the 22 members present the average score was 9.99.
- A motion was brought forward to sell the St. Leo's Community Center for transfer of services to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Inc. by Chris Morsfield, second buy Brian Rodgers. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.2 **CCD Classes to move to Bishop Ryan:** Father Vetter explained that with the sale of the Community Center CCD will move to Bishop Ryan with classes starting at 6:30 pm. St. Leo's Church does contribute to the school and now all youth of the parish will be able to use it.
- 4.3 **Possible St. Leo's School students move to Little Flower:** The school board will vote on this move on March 25th at 5:15, Bishop Ryan School. There will be an open forum on March 15th at 7pm, Bishop Ryan. Father Vetter asked councils of any concerns regarding this matter. Discussions included that the Buildings and Ground Committee will draft a five year plan for the building, the building is the parishes concern. St. Leo's school is the concern of all four parishes, not just St. Leo's. Move will come in the 2010-2011 School year and will mean a considerable financial savings. Little Flower will have enough classrooms to house all grades.
- 4.4 **Motion that St. Leo's trustees are authorized signatories on St. Leo's accounts:** Father Vetter explained that the parish decided to move the banking of the parish from Wells Fargo to American Bank Center. This decision was made after the conflicts and the response to those conflicts from Wells Fargo also the fee structure of their bank was very high. American Bank Center was chosen after receiving quotes from numerous other banks. American Bank Center has very competitive interest rates and is willing to wave the transfer fees; insuring that all monies collected from automatic deposit, from parishioners, will go towards the church.
- 5.0 **Adjournment:** Father Vetter
- 6.0 **Closing Prayer:** Father Vetter
Respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary