

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY REAL ESTATE CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023
Pastoral Center, 27 C Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

PRESENT

Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis	Mark Longe (Zoom)
Reverend Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw	Michael Kladis (Zoom)
Deacon George Reade	Candice Greenwald
Fred Strasser	Sarah Niemann, Secretary
Reverend Monsignor Joseph Mayo (Zoom)	

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM with an opening prayer by Bishop Solis.

APPROVAL OF January 25, 2023 MINUTES

Deacon Reade made the motion to approve the minutes. Fred Strasser seconded. Msgr. Colin asked for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

JUDGE MEMORIAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Deacon George Reade gave an update on the meetings, where Bishop Solis and Mark Longe were in attendance, regarding the Judge Memorial proposal.

- Deacon confirmed that the Bishop and the diocese are committed to Judge Memorial's relocation and building plans.
- On April 24, CCS (fundraising company) met with Mark Longe, Patrick Lambert (JMCHS Principal), Susan Lollini (JMCHS Development Director) and Deacon regarding the lack of donors coming in. It was suggested that perhaps the property should be taken off the market until we can get more donors to help fund the project. Mark suggested going back to some board members and previous people who have been involved with the school, and get their input on this situation.
- After the Bishop gave his assurance that he and the diocese are committed to this project, the May 12 meeting was a little more encouraging. A couple more donors came forward, It was suggested that maybe if we could get some more commitments, we could look at some

different phases for this project – start off with a little less, cut some things back and try to keep it moving forward depending on additional donations that we feel would be coming. Mark added that they talked with the architect and Principal regarding the scaling down of the project depending on the sale price of the property and what donations actually come in. Mark suggested finding out what the project would look like at the scaled down versions – Phase 2, Phase 3. And to finding out what can be built with the money that we have. Mark added more people are likely to come forward with their donations once they know we are committed and ready to go forward.

- Mike Kladis inquired regarding any restrictions or deadlines on the offer. Deacon Reade responded, “We were clear that we need time to review the offer before making any commitments. We do not have any timeline that we need to get back to the buyer.”

MEITLER FEASIBILITY STUDIES

- March 15, Meitler came out to Salt Lake City and met with Bishop Solis, Msgr. Colin, Msgr. Fitz, Deacon Geroge and the rest of the Diocesan Real Estate Committee. Meitler also met with Father Gray in Park City, then met with Father Pires at St Henry in Brigham City.
- March 16, Meitler met with Father Briese at Martin de Porres & then Zoomed with Fr. Bittmenn and Father Daz from St. George, and Candy. The conversations were about the demographics, which parishes they thought are the vibrant parishes, finances, facilities, planning for the future, etc. A form was sent out to all the pastors requesting information regarding facilities, mass times, family list, etc. All information were shared with Meitler.
- May 30, Meitler is scheduled to come back to discuss business with the City & County Planners, then go down to St. George to cover that area with Fr. Bittmenn to make sure we’re researching and analyzing the data for the planning that we want to do.

OTHER DIOCESAN PROJECTS

- Mt. Calvary’s Mausoleum
- Choir School’s Gym
- St. Joseph Elementary’s Gym – is fully funded now, with the reductions made to move forward with the project.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help’s Rectory – is fully funded
- Cathedral – has **ongoing** maintenance and repairs that need to be addressed. Msgr. Colin commented that “the Cathedral has a symbiotic relationship with the diocese. The Cathedral is like a mission of the diocese.”

BISHOP'S COMMENTS

Bishop Solis reiterated “the value of the Meitler feasibility studies as being very critical in the planning for the future of the diocese of Salt Lake City. We rely on their expertise to provide us with empirical data that would help us evaluate the status of our parishes, missions and schools so we can integrate those data in the planning stage of putting together a strategic plan for the diocese in the coming years.”

CLOSING COMMENTS

Deacon George mentioned that “Msgr. Fitzgerald did a great job in acquiring many years ago the many beautiful properties the diocese have in St. George, in Lehi and really all over Utah. And these properties proved to be in the right places.” The Meitler study is going to provide us with information we need to have realistic expectations in making decisions on where to build new parishes.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Msgr. Colin closed this meeting at 2:35 pm to move on to the Diocesan Finance Council meeting, with a note that the next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by

Sarah Niemann