

Saint Michael Parish Finance Council  
April 14, 2021  
Special Session  
St. Michael Parish Office

In attendance: Cathy Northcraft, Dave Barnett, Marissa Saludes, Kim Burge, Michelle Patterson, Denny Wilson, Bob Gardner  
Absent – Father Carlos, Jacob Altmeyer, Chris Bowie, Rob Krall

Prior to meeting, group viewed an informational video about proposed system.  
*Minutes will provide comprehensive account of discussion to allow for detail review.*

**Opening Prayer — 4:10pm – Cathy Northcraft**

CN: Thank you for coming to special session

DW: Introduction of Bob Gardner from HE Neumann Company.

BG: Review of GPS Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization system.

DB: Other options available?

BG: This is our recommendation. Used in highly regarded hospitals and establishments.

DB: Does it produce ozone?

BG: No

MS: What is maintenance?

BG: Self-cleans every 3-5 days. Large units must have brushes cleaned when filters are changed. 12-15-year life expectancy. Units are powered by same electrical system powering HVAC units.

DB: Does it include sensors?

BG: No. Air is tested prior to installation and after installation. Meter can be purchased to test air. Meter would test positive and negative ions. Approximate cost of meter \$1000.

CN: How do we know it's working?

BG: There is a light on the unit.

CN: Is HE Neumann able to service, inspect and repair?

BG: Yes

MP: What is the cost associated with service call

BG: Call may be 4 hours

DW: So we're talking several hundred for service call. If an annual maintenance agreement was in place, would this system be included with annual inspection?

BG: We could write that into the agreement

DW: Do not see need to purchase meter. We can schedule annual testing.

CN: Or test as needed

CN: Review of all questions from previous Finance Council emails regarding proposed projects. How long has the manufacturer been in business? Is this new technology?

BG: The company is about ten years old. The technology is not new but has seen a big increase in demand because of pandemic.

DB: How does this compare to UV light?

BG: UV light requires that the air moving through it must be slowed. This system treats the air as it comes out of the HVAC unit

CN: Does it make a humming sound or other noise?

BG: No. Also, it has proven to be effective in eliminating some odors in the air. This is most probably because bacteria are killed.

DB: Rob Krall had concerns about chemicals

BG: This unit does not emit chemicals. And, as previously stated, does not emit ozone.

MS: You provided a list of buildings with this system installed. Were they recently installed?

BG: I do not know. The list was provided by GPS. Check out GPS on YouTube and you'll see some interesting and helpful videos.

CN: Church cost seems low when compared to other building estimates.

BG: The church requires only one unit. On the other hand, the Parish office estimate is high because it requires fourteen units.

MP: Do fans need to be running at all times?

DW: We have air exchangers in the church and school systems. The Parish Office units do not have air exchangers and are not well suited for this installation.

BG: Certainly nothing can be considered 100% effective, but the system will also help to eliminate pollen, mold spores, cold and flu viruses, and similar airborne particulates

CN: Any other questions for BG? Thank you to Bob for coming to the meeting.

BG is excused

After group discussion,

CN: ***I move, that we accept the recommendation from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and approve the installation of the Bipolar Ionization System in St. Michael Catholic Church, Rectory, St. Michael Parish School and the Angelus Center.***

DB: second

CN: The motion carried with CN, DB, MS and JA (via email) voting in favor. RK opposed and CB no vote.

**Next meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 4pm in the Parish Office.**

**Closing Prayer**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy F. Hinerman