

Summary of MHT financial meeting on 11 Oct 01.

It was decided that MHT would fund Vacation Bible School again next year under some conditions. Chaplain Roeder at the Post Chaplain's office was informed that we will help fund only if Kay Heppes is involved with the program curriculum and budget from the beginning. MHT will most likely fund only at the level that Mrs Heppes recommends.

We are getting a tighter reign on the bills coming in from Rome NY for the busses on Sundays for Religious Education. LTC Zimmerman visited the motor pool and the contracting office agreed to send him a copy of the bill submitted to Rome, NY each month. This will allow us to verify that we are paying for what we get. In addition, there is a bill from Rome, NY (govt contracting/finance office) for about \$5,000 for bus services from over two years ago when MHT was not under control of the U.S. Government. LTC Zimmerman has sent a note to Chaplain Roeder NOT to pay the bill without an opinion of the installation Staff Judge Advocate. MHT position is that bill belongs to the Arch Diocese on NY (which took with them a sizeable amount of cash when they left) and not to the current parishioners of MHT.

The committee agreed to the purchase of a snowblower for the chapel. LTC Zimmerman tried to get one issued from DHPW for the season, but there was not enough to go around. LTC Zimmerman has asked COL Luebker, the DHPW, if we could purchase a snowblower and then donate it to the U.S. Government (DHPW). This way DHPW could maintain it, store it over the summer, and provide the required training to the user (SP Nichols) at the beginning of the season. If this can be arranged, the matter will be brought to the Parish Council for a vote on using funds from the Association of Graduates (DAA Account) for this purpose. (DAA stands for Director of Academy Advancement?)

Details of how to have designated offerings with envelopes in the pews was discussed and finalized. Listing of future designated offerings is below:

Mission Sunday October 20/21, 2001
Military Archdiocese November 17/18, 2001
Sacred Heart School December 8/9, 2001
Sacred Heart School January 12/13, 2002
Food For The Poor February 2/3, 2002
Sacred Heart School March 23/24, 2002
Sacred Heart School April 13/14, 2002

We are currently sweeping donations that come into MHT not through the basket (or other collection sites inside the chapel) into the DAA account. We have much more flexibility with this money – and it gains interest. This account was set up to allow MHT to request donations (through the AOG). Big goal of the account would be to fund a multi-million dollar community center for the parish.

SP Mike Nichols is now running the day to day operation of the MHT budget. Every requests for funds must be annotated where in our current budget the request was programmed. LTC Zimmerman hopes this will alleviate much of the confusion with MHT expenditures and is looking forward to the quarterly report at the end of December 01.