

RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 6, 2006

Members convened at 12:30 for lunch. Marilyn Bogen called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM.

Those in attendance were Pat Allain, Marilyn Bogen, Fran Campanile, Tony Catalano, Ed Duff, Mary Lou Fink, John Fitzgerald, Henry Hamel, Mike Mahr, Gary Robertson, Lew Schmidt and Fr. Joseph Stearns.

Marilyn Bogen led us in our opening prayer.

Agenda Item #1: Assessment of the Town Hall meeting

Discussion regarding Sunday's (April 2, 2006) Town Meeting produced the following comments:

An estimated 500 people were in attendance.

"Sounds of approval" were heard during the presentations.

We probably did not change minds of opponents, but did make "friends".

Twelve people signed up requesting drawings.

Committee members will receive the new drawings.

Agenda Item #2: Where do we go? What do we do now?

We need to see the interior drawings.

We need to stop talking about concepts and start talking about plans. Talk about the actual plan; options, practical things (Example: do not see any plans for handicapped/wheelchairs).

Re liturgy: Many changes are needed to come up with what we want.

What is our dream?

What is absolutely necessary? (Example: Cloister look is great, but is it necessary?)

Henry Hamel proclaimed, "This will be The Summer of Productivity!"

We must keep our momentum going.

Use our website.

Connect with the architects.

Talk with representatives from ministries and organizations.

Develop subcommittees to work in specific areas.

Liturgical Committee: Fr. Stearns, Pat Allain, Gary Robertson

Information Committee: Pat Allain, Marilyn Bogen, John Fitzgerald

Organization Interview Committee: Mary Lou Fink & Fran Campanile

A suggestion was made that the committee should hear what engineer Buck Ward has done so far. Lew Schmidt will contact him about speaking at our next meeting.

The committee agreed the plans (interior and exterior) shown by the architect at

Sunday's Town Meeting are now a "working concept".

Pat Allain commented that we need to have a concept of the balcony.

Pat Allain asked whether parking lot improvements could be made over the summer. It should not be a problem getting an engineer to work on this. It is possible we could begin immediately. Comments were made that parking lot improvements must be made whether or not we renovate. Parking lot improvements would show "progress" to parishoners returning in the fall.

Discussion regarding our need to add members to our committee resulted in Lew Schmidt moving that "Names of prospective members be given to Fr. Stearns for his approval.". Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Marilyn Bogen, Secretary