

RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY 16, 2006

Co-chairman Marilyn Bogen called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Those in attendance were Marilyn Bogen, Fran Campanile, Ed Duff, Mary Lou Fink, John Fitzgerald, Rosie Friedman & McKenzie, Peter Kosinski, Peter Kosinski, Mike Mahr, Gary Robertson, Lew Schmidt and Fr. Joseph Stearns. Pat Allain was excused and Engineer Buck Ward could not attend.

Peter Kosinski(s) presented a review of slides seen at the Town Hall meeting plus a few others. (It was agreed that committee members should have copies of all plans.) The slide review evoked various comments, thoughts and ideas.

TABERNACLE - plans show it in the northeast corner of the church, visible from all but 30 or 40 seats. Fr. Stearns wants the Tabernacle area to be outstanding but not to "take away" from the area of Eucharist. Several images of possible Tabernacles were shown. The committee liked the first image best (Tabernacle on a pedestal with a bower of flowers above it), but agreed a "shelf level" would be needed. The Tabernacle area should be large enough to accommodate chairs. PETER WILL PROVIDE US WITH A PICTURE OF A "SCREEN" THROUGH WHICH LIGHT SHINES. He has seen this and says it is beautiful.

DEVOTIONAL SPACE - A Marian Shrine is planned in the southwest corner of the church. This shrine should be distinctive but not distract from the Tabernacle area. There should be other devotional spaces available throughout the church, not just space for statues.

STAINED GLASS LANTERN ABOVE ALTAR - Visually it is superior. Liturgically, it is not. The Committee decided against it which will save a considerable amount of money.

INTERIOR FLOOR PLANS - Peter suggests using Keystone wrap and trim in the interior to tie in with the exterior Spanish mission feeling.

BEMA & ALTAR - Fr. Stearns questioned the larger number of seats behind the bema. He had expected three rows which would be used as seating for the choir. He suggested the bema be pushed back with seating for 70-80 people (choir and musicians). If the bema is pushed farther back the radius will change. THE ARCHITECTS WILL WORK ON THIS REVISED BEMA LOCATION AND CHANGE IN SEATING BEHIND ALTAR AND DIFFERENT SEATING RADIUS. It had been suggested the choir be placed in the northeast area where the Tabernacle appears in current plans. Fr. Stearns said that church documents state the choir should be part of the people.

ORGAN & ORGAN PIPES PLACEMENT - Gary Robertson, said the Organ Console can be moved around - probably directly behind or off to the side of the bema. He said he would have to experiment with the best placement. Current Pipes for the organ can be used. Some must be confined and others can be exposed. The highest exposed pipe is 16 feet tall. **THE ARCHITECTS NEED THE DIMENSIONS OF THE EXISTING PIPES TO USE IN THEIR PLANNING.**

CHOIR AND MUSICIANS - Gary said we would need 4 pews for the choir closer into the bima (not directly behind...probably off to the side). We would also need at least the equivalent of 2 pews worth of space for instrumentalists. These plans may eliminate the necessity for a center aisle.

AMBO - Fr. Stearns, speaking in regard to the Ambo, said it is a "space", not a piece of furniture. Placement and visibility is very important.

CHURCH HALL - **FR. STEARNS AND THE COMMITTEE WANT TO KNOW THE USEABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE CHURCH HALL AS IT IS NOW, AND WHAT IS THE USEABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE INDICATED IN THE PLANS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

PARKING LOT - The architects and landscape architect prepare the design of the parking lot, but legally, a civil engineer must submit the design.

We cannot proceed with the parking lot design without the help of a landscape architect. **KOSINSKIS WILL RECOMMEND A FIRM TO BE APPROVED BY FR. STEARNS.**

The Planning Committee made up of Lew, Ed, Mike and Henry (who is away for the summer) will meet with Kosinskis and the landscape architect. **PETER WILL SET UP THIS MEETING.**

Mike Mahr will continue as the contact person for the Kosinskis.

BALCONY -

SEATING- Knocking out walls on both sides of the seating area would only provide space for an additional 16 seats. Peter strongly advises against doing this.

The question was asked as to whether the balcony could be pushed back over the narthex area. Peter said a problem with this is we would lose the height of the narthex area, but it would gain some seats. The question was asked as to how many seats we would gain. **THIS WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLORED AND ANSWERED BY THE ARCHITECTS.**

STAIRWELLS - Peter said the width of stairwells leading to the balcony is a "code issue". Width varies in accordance with capacity. We do not have to use existing stairwells.

CONFESSIONALS - It was requested that confessionals be larger, air

conditioned and better lit. Current plans show light coming through windows from the outside.

WATERSIDE PARKING AGREEMENT - They have agreed to provide 200 parking spaces (we needed 169). The County did not like the agreement form that was drawn up so committee member, Attorney Tony Catalino is drafting a legal agreement document that will be acceptable to the County.

We will still continue our agreement with Seagate Elementary School. The County won't recognize it because of the need to cross 4 lanes of traffic to reach the church. Many parishoners are accustomed to parking there and probably will continue to do so.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Organization Review - The biggest concerns seem to be storage, kitchen design, hall useage, devotional space, and Tabernacle placement

Communications - The Website must be used to inform people regarding erroneous information that is being disseminated. Examples: "It has come to my attention...."

"To clarify....." "In response to concerns....."

Lew, along with Pat Allain, will coordinate getting information onto the website. He will meet with Pat, Mike and Brandon (webmaster) to see that this is done. Lew, Gary and Fran will prepare information regarding the number of people attending the 9:15 and 11:00 am masses Easter Sunday.

Other "articles" and information will be placed on the website as needed.

It was suggested that the Kosinskis set up a link to ours on their website. Lew will request this.

Summer meetings will continue to be held. Committee members who are away will be kept informed via email.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20 at 2 pm in the Ministry Building, Room 5. A request will be made that our architects, engineer and landscape architect be present at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm

Marilyn Bogen, Secretary