

**RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2006**

Those present at the meeting were: Fr. Joseph Stearns, Fr. John Fitch, Pat Allain, Dale Bacik, Bob Brady, Fran Campanile, Ed Duff, Mary Lou Fink, John Fitzgerald, Peter Kosinski, Sr., Gary Robertson and Lew Schmidt.

Fr. Joe began the meeting promptly with the discussion of his e-mail concerns to the committee. Fr. Joe had met with the liturgy sub-committee and they had discussed leaving the brick wall and case work with the organ pipes as they are at present. It appears to be the focal point of the warm, intimate feeling that people of the parish love and want to retain. We can still have our church and make it better. If we were building a new church we could make changes.

Peter seemed positive with this new direction. His concern was to have sufficient time to prepare painted illustrations in time for a November meeting with the parishioners. Fr. Joe emphasized that the devotional aspect of the back wall with its niches for statues or other art forms, eg. Icons, is to be retained. It was also stated that there should be a separate Marion shrine off to the side in the front but visible from the rear of the church.

Gary reported on his meeting with the organ builders and they can accommodate our present request. Gary would like the organ to be as close to the middle as possible with the piano to one side and the organ the other side. The cantor should be on the same side as the lector.

Gary also reported on the meeting of the liturgical sub-committee and their concerns are:

- size of baptismal font is too small
- Ambo needs a shelf to place the book on after the reading of the word
- placement of the processional cross
- handicap seating in multiple sections
- Tabernacle access from the rear
- room for servers with candles on either side of ambo
- keep Marion shrine visible from the rear of the church
- the Deacon chair should be consistent with the presider's chair, but removable when not needed

Pat Allain reported that Dr. Fleischer is doing an acoustical study of the church so that the spoken and the sung word are the best possible sound available for all.

A major concern of the committee was to keep the congregation from accessing the doors to the hall during the celebration of the Mass. The childrens' liturgy can be handled in the meeting room in the narthex of the church. We also want to preserve as much of the hall as is humanly possible.

The Liturgical committee will meet with Peter Kosinski after this meeting to expedite the changes they presented at this meeting, that way we will have the drawings up to date for the presentation in November.

The next meeting of the committee will be October 11, 2006 at 3:00 PM in room 5 of the Ministry Center. November 19, 2006 at 2:00 PM will be the presentation to the parish.

Fr. Joe closed the meeting with a prayer at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Lou Fink, Acting Secretary