



ASPIRE
A St. Agnes Parish Renovation Investment Effort

St. Agnes Congregation/ASPIRE
Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2006

Present: Jim Anderson, Bob Warpinski, Jerry Vandeloo, Ken Blaney,
Marie Garot, Mary Wachwitz, Mike Calawerts, Mina Teske,
Fran Junio, Tom Miller, Dennis Horbinski

Excused: Bill Zimpel, Bob Nooker, Ellen Mommaerts, Russ Jacobs

Next meeting: Tuesday January 16, 2007, 4:00pm, St. Agnes Parish Meeting room

I. Announcements

No announcement made at this meeting.

II. Discussion

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

2pm meeting: Planning review meeting with Father Getchel

Dennis Horbinski led us in a draft format review of a schedule. Dennis is also suggesting a couple of workshops for baptisms and reservation of the blessed sacraments.

This type of approach will help reinforce the liturgical and worship improvements that we are stressing. The workshops will be conducted within the church. We will need to receive an official document from the Green Bay Diocese to proceed with the ASPIRE project. This will be obtained from Cindy Brawner.

The overall process is going to be iterative. Father Getchel is in agreement with the overall process outlined by Dennis Horbinski and approves going forward.

3pm meeting: "Advancing The Mission" review with Cindy Brawner

Cindy Brawner was onsite to review the overall process and what "Advancing The Mission (ATM)" means. Cindy reinforced the fortuitous timing of ATM and ASPIRE. Summer of 2005 is when ATM started with over 1,000 people communicated to, to gain insights. Policy Committee consists of 10 parishes. 169 parishes are in the Green Bay Diocese. RSI out of Dallas was selected as the fund raising arm. They will be starting in January 2007 with 7 full time consultants. Wave 2 is with 59 parishes in January 2007. Wave 3 is with 60 parishes starting in July 2007. St. Agnes Parish is in wave 3. Conducting of a campaign is 6 months. 4 months of



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planning and 2 months of conducting. Pledge payments will run with 3 years. Major gifts of \$100,000 or greater have the option to negotiated special payment timing.

RSI was hired because of deep commitment to this type of ministry. RSI's approach is getting the parish deeply involved and doing small projects which are manageable. The goal is not to burden the parish office staff for this project.

The goal is of the diocese is 1.5x to 2.5x of the parish annual offertory collection – envelopes and loose.

The RSI process for St. Agnes would begin May 2007. There will be 2 months of prep work. Campaign Leader, Campaign Coordinator and Prospect Reviewer are the three key positions. Father Getchel does agree that having an RSI consultant assigned to us early is a good idea and would like this done.

Cindy provided some insights of how things are going. The first 10 parishes are completed. Service has increased. It has brought people together and an increase of prayer. Financially, we have raised \$10.2 million dollars collectively. One \$1.0 million dollar pledge has been given and there are three pending million dollar commitments. The bishop has conducted 7 awareness meetings with contributors on the significant end. The Diocese has received 30 gifts of over \$25,000 level. The average of 1.2 times is the current mark at this time.

March 6, 2007 is the date for the next for the Board of Consultors. This will need to be created and submitted for this meeting.

The decision on the financial aspects will be negotiated when we obtain our conceptual design costs.

Example: First dollars pay the Bishop's Appeal amount. 125% is raised...now the split gets completed. 50 percentage sharing continues through the remainder of the campaign.

4pm meeting: ASPIRE meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Review of the meeting minutes of the committee. Bob Warpinski motioned to approve with seconded by Fran Junio with committee approving the minutes.

Dennis reviewed the organizational chart and where everyone fits into the overall process. Dennis presented and discussed the overall process outline and schedule. The liturgical workshops will be used for general education of the parish. Dennis reviewed the "Request For Information (RFI)" process. The RFI process will make no commitment to a specific contractor or architect. The committee discussed the overall plan. The first parish forum will be scheduled in early February 2007. The



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second parish forum is around March 2007. The third meeting will be in April/May 2007.

The committee continued its discussion and agreed that the ATM and ASPIRE process and timelines will be done at the same time.

The committee has indicated that the sub-group working on the Advisory Group must complete those recommendations by Friday December 22, 2006. Jim Anderson, Mike Calawerts and Jerry VandeLoo will meet on Friday December 22, 2006 at 7:30am to review and complete the 30 person list.

Dennis led us in a programming discussion.

Gathering space: catering kitchen concept, wakes, funeral luncheons (150 maximum capacity), informal meetings,

Covered entrance: agreed upon need

Cry room: need to use for education, it is a time-out space, tolerance, nursery capabilities, nursing, education of parishioners and ushers

Youth Room: technology, amenities, recreation, accessibility

Food Pantry: Deacon Bob's area, food donation storage area with St. Agnes using a 'sister parish' location for actual food distribution

Adoration and reservation chapel: the committee discussed at length the need for either option. The committee is recommending a reservation chapel concept.

Day chapel: this is not a requirement

The meeting was concluded with a closing prayer.

III. Roundtable

No sub-group reports.

IV. Next Steps/Action Items

1. Obtain Green Bay Diocese Building and Renovation guidelines – Jim Anderson
2. Prepare a recommendation for the ASPIRE Advisory Group – Jim Anderson