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A St. Agnes Parish Renovation Investment Effort

St. Agnes Congregation/ASPIRE
Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2007

Present: Jim Anderson, Bob Warpinski, Ken Blaney, Marie Garot,
Mike Calawerts, Mina Teske, Bill Zimpel, Deacon Bob Nooker,
Ellen Mommaerts, Fran Junio, Tom Miller, Dennis Horbinski,
Russ Jacobs

Excused: Jerry VandeLoo, Mary Wackwitz

Next meeting: Monday January 29, 2007,
4:00pm – 7:00pm, St. Agnes Parish Meeting room

I. Announcements

No announcement made at this meeting.

II. Discussion

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

III. Roundtable

Meeting minutes

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from December 19, 2006. A motion was made by Bob Warpinski and seconded by Fran Junio to accept the minutes as printed. Motion approved to accept the meeting minutes.

Open forum:

The committee had an open communication/open forum time to bring up any comments, concerns or feedback from parishioners. The committee discussions included the following topics:

- Overall questions on "Advancing The Mission"
- People want more information on "Advancing The Mission"
- People are interested in costs
- Can people donate towards to ASPIRE?



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Advisory Team:

Jim Anderson updated the committee on selection process for the Advisory Team. A sub-group consisting of Father Getchel, Deacon Bob Nooker, Bob Warpinski, Jerry VandeLoo, Mike Calawerts and Jim Anderson met and reviewed the submitted name. The sub-group had categorized each selection to ensure that we had a diverse group of parishioners. Personalized letters were created and have been mailed to each person. Follow up phone calls will be done for those people who have not responded.

The committee continued its discussion on how do we involve more of the youth of the parish. Deacon Bob Nooker suggested that Ellen Mommaerts informally ask the youth that gather in the youth room, what their thoughts and insights are and what they think would be some ideas. This will be an informal process with Ellen and Devin. In addition, the committee discussed the concept of emailing to students to gain additional data. Deacon Bob and Ellen Mommaerts expressed the need to get young people involved in all aspects of the project. The committee agreed and this will be a priority and will be taken into consideration.

Green Bay Diocese Permissions and Proxy update:

Jim Anderson updated the committee on what is required by the Green Bay Diocese for going forward with a building and/or renovation project. Jim Anderson has been in contact with the Diocese, specifically Deacon Mike Grezca and Cindy Brawner. Jim Anderson will be submitting documentation for the March 7, 2007 Board of Consultors meeting.

Programming update:

Dennis Horbinski led us in a discussion of the next steps in our programming effort. Dennis continued to drill into details and requirements for the following functional areas:

Sanctuary area: continue discussion on back pews not being required and organ pipe fabric.

Worship space – 1400 capacity seating; the committee had a discussion on kneelers and whether or not we really need them. Dennis indicated that we really can not have a split church with some pews that have and some that do not have. We pray as a community and thus we worship in the same fashion. This is not a decision that needs to be made at this time.

Gathering space – general rule is 1/3 of worship space would be an acceptable size for the gathering space. Chair and table storage need to be included in our overall budgets.

Covered Entrance – must be included in final designs.



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Wake area – must be incorporated into final design.

Catering kitchen – must be incorporated into final design.

Restrooms – there will be an increase in the number of spaces due to State Code changes. All ADA issues will be addressed.

Reconciliation chapel – we had a discussion on what a chapel setting would be and the reasons behind it. The idea is to enhance the reconciliation space that already exists.

Eucharistic reservation chapel – additional discussion needs to be conducted.

Vesting sacristy – space needs to be expanded for vestment storage; cleansing of vessels in the front area;

Work sacristy – additional discussion needs to be conducted as to how we incorporate the back work sacristy.

Day Chapel – not a requirement; we need space for 100 to 125 people at a minimum for mass and thus it was agreed that daily mass would be conducted in the main church space.

Cry Room – Ken Blaney asked the question on how do we make ourselves more inviting? Create hospitality but also improve the liturgical experience. We need to have some accommodation for young families. Do we incorporate day care for masses?

Nursing mother area – no special room to be created, but an area must be identified

Youth Space – dedicated space that does not need to setup each and every day is what we really need according to Ellen Mommaerts. The committee discussed the idea of having two separate spaces, one in the school and one in the new additional at church. A logical area would be the lower level of the new gathering space. Ellen indicated that 1500 square feet is an ideal size.

West Side Food Pantry – Deacon Bob discussed this and his updates with St. Jude's and St. Patricks. The committee agreed that we want to have an area for storage and staging, but not retail outlet.

Parish Center – Deacon Bob Nooker expressed his desire to have his office in the church area, that allow him to pray with people and would have less people traffic. This is the foundation for a good social ministry. The committee continued its discussion on consolidating all parish functions into the new space being renovated at church. The concept is to provide a central location for all parish services. This type of concept would include religious education, youth ministry, Deacon and parish office functions. Additional discussions will be conducted.



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Dennis Horbinski led us in a discussion of the architecture. How do we blend something in? How do we encourage people to come into the same entrance? Dennis indicated that we have some real challenges with 6 different entrances, and no ability to focus in on a single entrance today. The committee also discussed various ideas of switching around the interior of the church to have the altar in the opposite location it is today. The committee reviewed initial drawings from Dennis regarding the placement of the gathering. There was a lot of discussion and expressing of different ideas, including the idea of using green space to the west of church.

Next meeting date and time:

Monday January 29, 2007 4pm to 7pm.

IV. Next Steps/Action Items

1. Determine if west side space can be used – Jim Anderson
2. Determine youth needs and having two spaces – Ellen Mommaerts
3. Gather opinions from Father Getchel on the concept of a parish center and central focal point for services, including administration offices, religious education and youth ministry – Jim Anderson
4. Church pew layout and seating capacity by section – Ellen Mommaerts
5. Current parking lot capacity – Ellen Mommaerts