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A St. Agnes Parish Renovation Investment Effort

St. Agnes Congregation/ASPIRE
Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2007

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

Excused: Jerry VandeLoo, Bob Warpinski, Tom Miller

Next meeting: Monday February 15, 2007,
7:00pm – 900pm, St. Agnes Church – Mother’s Room
ASPIRE Advisory Team meeting

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 January 16, 2007. A motion was made by Russ Jacobs and seconded by Mina Teske to accept the minutes as printed. Motion approved to accept the meeting minutes.

Open forum:

The committee provided thoughts and feedback as to how the overall process is going.

An initial discussion was had regarding the impact of the physical renovation work and the ability to have mass during this construction timeframe. There is a real possibility that for a 3 to 4 month period, that we may have to celebrate mass in the Holy Family School multi-purpose center.



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Overall design

Jim Anderson provided an update from Father Getchel regarding our programming efforts. Father Getchel reinforced that he does not want us to limit our thinking on use of the campus and green space. All ideas should be on the table as part of our process. He commented that obvious green space is at a premium and that St. Agnes is land locked, but we should be designing what we need.

Advisory Team:

Jim Anderson updated the team on the number of people who have agreed to participate. The goal is to have 25 people participate and we will be very close to that number. The purpose of this team is to provide feedback on various conceptual design concepts and ideas.

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 our continued discussion of the programming needs. This is a critical step in our overall process. We are emphasizing that we need to concentrate our efforts upfront to clearly understand and agree to what our priorities really are and how they will translate into a design.

The committee had a discussion regarding the concept of a 'Parish Center'. If you want to be an accessible parish and have access to the church, then we need to consider the idea of consolidating all of our administrative and faith formation services in one physical space.

Committee comments included:

- Great idea, worked out in other parishes
- Better access
- Wonderful idea
- Increased accessibility to the church
- Increased visibility
- We need to become a 'welcoming church'
- It would be a 'miss' if we did not include it
- Deacon Bob would like better access to prayer

The committee then led into a discussion regarding the youth ministry. Ellen discussed what is going with some diocese based initiatives. Ellen expressed the need to have more space. There is both an immediate need and a long term need. There are storage space issues for teaching materials. The committee discussed the



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school, the youth needs, teens, teen center. Ellen sees the parish increasing its presence and impact with youth ministry in the next 2 years and into the future. After hearing Ellen thoughts, the committee agrees that we can not really remove any existing space in the school and that our youth ministry is a critical program. The committee also agrees that additional new space should be included in our overall design.

Ken Blaney expressed concern that we do not have a ground swell from our parishioners for where we are taking this. The committee had a lot of discussion on how we have evolved from a brick and mortar discussion to a ministry discussion. Welcoming, hospitality and worship are the key themes of why we are here. We need to create a vision of what the future is about.

The committee discussed the food pantry and will recommend that we will accommodate space for storage, not a retail distribution outlet.

The committee discussed the existing convent space and will recommend no changes to that existing space.

The committee agrees that an expanded space for a family grieving lounge and bride's room should be incorporated into the new design.

The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the Parish Center concept. Consolidating office space for all parish ministries is the right thing to do to create the theme of a 'Welcoming Church'. Such a concept will entail additional space administrative functions, youth ministry, religious education, Deacon counseling/conference room, pastor's office and meeting room space. Accessibility of handicap people to meetings must be addressed. Meeting room space will vary from 3-4 for a parish staff meeting to a parish council meeting. Maximum of up to 25 people will be included.

The committee agrees that expanded space in some form should be provided for Children Church. Such space should include a carpeted area and the ability to be expanded as necessary based upon quantity of children.

The committee agrees that usher space will be retained.

Dennis Horbinski led us in a review of various gathering space locations as they relate to the church. Dennis provided 5 different drawings and led us to understand the pluses and minuses of each option. The committee had a lengthy discussion about various options and changes to the presented ideas. Additional discussions will be required before any consensus will be made. The committee expressed a desire to incorporate an indoor garden with St. Agnes.

Dennis Horbinski discussed the parking lot and implications of state code compliance. Currently, the church has actual seating for 1270, with 253 existing parking spots. We will most likely need to come up to code with 4 people per car assumed.



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Dennis Horbinski led us in a discussion of baptism and its impact on our design. Baptism is just not for babies. A single of living water needs to be at a central location, easily accessible by all. The concept is to re-connect what has been instituted from the past. The committee agrees that this will be an integral component of our design. A parish workshop is being scheduled to better educate our parishioners regarding baptism.

Scheduling:

The following is our upcoming meeting schedule:

2/15/2007 is the first ASPIRE Advisory Group meeting 7pm to 9pm in Church mother's room.

2/20/2007 is the next ASPIRE Planning meeting – 5pm to 7pm in Parish meeting room.

3/6/2007 is the second ASPIRE Advisory Group 7pm to 9pm in the social hall.

3/10/2007 for the workshops for Baptism and Eucharist – Saturday 9am to Noon for the church and social hall.

3/29/2007 is the next ASPIRE Planning meeting. – 5pm to 7pm in Parish meeting room.

4/19/2007 is an all parish meeting 7pm to 9pm in the church.

Next meeting date and time:

Thursday February 15, 2007 from 7pm to 9pm in the Church mother's room, for the ASPIRE Advisory Team meeting. All ASPIRE Church Planning members are asked to attend.

IV. Next Steps/Action Items

1. Verify west side property line – Jim Anderson
2. Need to identify the ATM consultant - Jim Anderson
3. Prepare Green Bay Diocese Board of Consultor's presentation materials – Jim Anderson
4. Confirm and call ASPIRE Advisory Team members – Jim Anderson