

Immaculate Parish Renovation Cmte

Minutes – February 7, 2019

Members Present: Br. Martin, Fr. John, Matt Gray, Lisa Prendergast, Bill Weikel, John Castlen, Rick Ebelhar, Steven Weaver, Dot Reid.

Meeting Opened with the renovation prayer.

Agenda

Tonight the committee examined and discussed the reactions and comments made by members of the parish council, who met in January. The parish council was given a copy of the Renovation Program that was drawn up by this renovation committee. The council was also provided with links to two main educational sources that were used by the renovation committee, and were encouraged to become familiar with the sources.

Parish Council's Reaction

The parish council's reaction was of unanimous agreement of the renovation document, with some level of concern regarding the movement of the Tabernacle to separate it from the Altar and allow a more defined space and arrangement for private prayer and adoration. At the conclusion it was agreed that more education about that issue will be helpful moving forward, as well as using drawings to visually explain the project. It was noted that drawings will be helpful for elements of the document that address the most major areas of work to be done; such as the creation of a narthex(gathering space), making an area for Baptism near the narthex(including a new Baptismal font), relocation of the restrooms, etc. The renovation cmte acknowledged the concerns of the council and also noted that the document is far from being an exact plan – pending an architect's recommendations and unforeseen circumstances.

Next Steps

The renovation cmte outlined a program of moving forward with the project by way of the following:

- Fr. John will share the renovation program with the parish finance committee.
- Share the program with the diocese. Fr. Brandon Williams is the Bishop's point of contact for building and design. Fr. John and/or Matt Gray will meet with him soon. The Bishop must give final approval on our proposal before moving forward.
- Surface names of architects. Br. Martin will assist the committee in surfacing the names of 3-4 architects who have experience in liturgical design, church building/renovations, and strong knowledge of the liturgical documents regarding design and building of a worship space.
- Interview architects – 3-4 pre-selected firms will be provided our renovation document, and then invited to make a presentation to this committee. The firms will be encouraged to not only show samples of previous jobs, but give some preliminary ideas on what they could bring to our project, as outlined in our document.
- Lastly, a ballpark figure of cost will eventually be surfaced and provided to the proper channels of the diocese for financial accountability, as is required for any large scale projects within the diocese.

Future Meetings

It was decided to wait until after the consultation with the diocese to set the next meeting(s).