



Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

**STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM**

**MINUTES, Meeting #6:**

**March 3, 2016-7:00 pm**

1. Opening Prayer

**2. Reflecting on the Second Full Parish Meeting, February 28.  
General Reflections**

- ❖ There was a general sense that the presentation/discussion lacked focus or “cohesiveness.” The pace seemed too fast. The Team needs to be better organized and a process for discussion/reflection needs to be provided. The Strategic Planning Team needs to be clearly identified and visible.
- ❖ Someone other than the architect should lead these sessions.
- ❖ There is a need for a general presentation regarding the previous meeting;
- ❖ More designated time needed for discussion and the consideration of new or different ideas/concepts.
- ❖ Since there were persons present at this gathering that were not present at the first session, an overview would have been helpful. Such an overview should be an integral aspect of each of the next gatherings.
- ❖ Liturgical principles outlined and discussed prior to the digital presentations and adaptations.
- ❖ A clear outline of the full parish gatherings needs to be provided and published prior to the meetings.
- ❖ Presentation to all gathered regarding the “decision-making process” throughout the “project planning” needs to be presented, emphasizing the “consensus model” rather than a “voting model.”
- ❖ A general overview of liturgical principles regarding worship space and church building needs to be provided at each full parish gathering (regarding the particular concerns being addressed).
- ❖ The Strategic Planning Team is the primary “driver” of the process.

### **Strategic Team suggestions for future full parish meetings.**

- ❖ A clear opening and closing
- ❖ Creating an introduction to the project reminding parishioners of the history of church building and remodeling (i.e. we can afford what we have to have)
- ❖ A short review of the areas that have already been discussed before moving on to the new areas that have been worked on
- ❖ Conducting a short tour of the areas under discussion. This will allow people to become familiar with areas they may not have visited or used as well as the current shortcomings of these areas.
- ❖ A presentation of the theology involved:
  - Why we have it where it is?
  - What does it mean?
  - What is the role it plays?
  - What is the role of art?
- ❖ Simplify the presentation to discuss a few clear cut areas
- ❖ Create subcommittees to conduct tours and structure the Full Parish Meeting.
- ❖ The committee will meet twice with Carl before the next Full Parish Meeting: the first meeting will brainstorm ideas; the second to discuss the new architectural drawing created from the brainstorming.
- ❖ **The next area to discuss: the needs in the Worship Space: What needs to be improved in general (painting, color, carpet; LIGHTING; Font. While we are planning beyond the worship space, the first place we will likely need to begin will be in the worship space.**

### **3. THE FULL PARISH DIGITAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Posowitz provided a revised version of the proposed “gathering Space” and Church entrance. These changes from the last gathering are provided in the digital images presented.

- ❖ The glass above the main entrance doors is suggested to be art glass. Discussion suggested art glass imaging the Blessed Trinity in some form.
- ❖ Redesign of the **current sacristy and reconciliation chapel** (enlarging the sacristy and reducing the size of the chapel.)
- ❖ Proposed revision of the **West entrance**, enlarging the **Kitchen** into that space; providing another, smaller entrance into the social center areas. These proposals are very provisional.

❖ OTHER AREAS OF DISCUSSION BASED ON THE DIGITAL PRESENTATION:

❖ **Location of Mary “shrine”**

Various options:

(a) Northwest corner of worship space (where current doors are located);

(b) In the West Window well;

(c) Open panel south of window and construct “alcove” for image.

❖ Location of **Music Ministry**: Retain, with some adaptation, in the present location.

*(note the digital presentations available on parish website).*

### **Kitchen**

No report available re meeting of Kitchen Committee with Carl.

### **4. Next Steps in the “process.”**

The next date for the full parish meeting will be set after Easter and following the Strategic Team meeting with Carl P

Members present at this meeting:

Sr. Mary Jo Quinn, Pat Wegner, Fr. Ed Hislop, Marilyn Rodriguez, Caroline Pickolick, Joe Mussulman, Betty Chrestenson, Marge Nordin, Joe Licitra, Ruth Licitra, Joan Dodge, David Neu, and Barbara Dryden.

