



**Maintain/Renew/Imagine Strategic Planning
Meeting #7
April 11, 2016
Meeting Notes**

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

Reflection: Where are we in the planning process?

Sr. Mary Jo reflected that the lighting was at a crisis point during the Triduum highlighting the need for the MRI Strategic Planning Committee (Steering Committee) to focus next on the Worship Space (Nave, Liturgy Space). Conversation ensued on the usage of the Worship Space during Triduum. Members of the committee expressed opinions and asked questions.

Fr. Ed agreed that the Worship Space needs to be the next priority. Fr. Ed defined the areas in the Worship Space that need to be focused on:

- ◆ Lighting (Carl Posewitz, architect, and the lighting engineer are to meet and agree on a lighting plan)
- ◆ Baptismal Font
- ◆ Refurbishing the walls and repainting the Worship Space
- ◆ Sacristy and Reconciliation Chapel
- ◆ Sanctuary Furniture (Ambo, Altar, Cross, Priest's Chair, Auxiliary Furnishings)
 - Consistency of materials and design
- ◆ Marian Shrine
- ◆ Reconfiguring the furnishings of the Worship Space to coordinate with the building structure:
 - Chair arrangement for worship, flow, and safety
 - Aisle and sanctuary structure and placement
- ◆ Original Artwork
- ◆ Accessibility to all areas

Fr. Ed reiterated the need for education on the theological aspects involved in each of these areas. May 1st will be the next Faith Formation Sunday. The topic of which is the Church. He proposed that this Faith Formation could be used to educate parishioners on the theological and liturgical importance of the structure of the church and its significance in the ritual of worship.

Action: The Steering Committee agreed that this would be a good idea.

He continued that the primary criterion for designing a new church is the ability to celebrate the Triduum well and according to the prescriptions of the articles of Vatican II. During the Triduum, there is movement: there are processions to the altar and Baptismal Font and foot washing. If the set up works for the Triduum, it will work well for every other liturgical purpose throughout the year. He stated that we need to focus both on our current and future needs as we prepare to make this investment in the Worship Space.

Fr. Ed reminded the Steering Committee that our role at the Whole Parish meeting was to listen and take notes, not to participate in the conversation: we have already offered our thoughts in our

meetings with Carl resulting in the drawings presented at the Whole Parish meeting. Fr. Ed iterated that parishioners will not be voting but forming a consensus.

The sub committee to develop the process for the next Whole Parish meeting did not occur as expected. In light of this, Mary Jo and Fr. Ed suggested that now is the time to bring Ken Griesemer, Liturgical Consultant, (stfstudio.net) into the process. The Steering Committee had already agreed that Ken would be brought in when he was needed. Mr. Griesemer's area of expertise is designing processes for building consensus for remodeling plans and helping steering committees in setting priorities for remodeling plans. Pat expressed a concern for the project cost and it we were told that Mr. Griesemer could coordinate with Mr. Posewitz to refine the architectural plan and develop a ballpark figure for the project. **Action: The Steering Committee agreed that Mr. Griesemer should be brought in at this time.**

Joe Licitra expressed a concern that we will be approaching summer soon and there will still be much work to do on the project. We do not want to lose momentum and so we should continue meeting during the summer months. **Action: The Steering Committee agreed to continue meeting during the summer months.**

The committee discerned the next steps that need to occur:

1. Fr. Ed would call Mr. Griesemer on April 12, 2016, to discuss Mr. Griesemer's availability for a visit and/or phone consultations as time dictates;
2. Fr. Ed will call Mr. Posewitz on April 12, 2016, to set up a meeting to brainstorm the Worship Space with the Steering Committee and to review what has been discussed thus far;
3. The Steering Committee will meet with Mr. Posewitz by the last week of April
4. Faith Formation on May 1st will focus on the liturgical and theological functions of the Worship Space. Mr. Posewitz will be invited to Faith Formation so that the community, the Steering Committee and the architect all have the same information. Faith Formation could include a tour focusing on areas most needing improvement (e.g., the Sacristy);
5. Steering Committee to meet with Carl to discuss plans based on April meeting and Faith Formation information and to develop the presentation process for the next Whole Parish meeting;
6. The Steering Committee to meet with Mr. Griesemer either in person or by conference call as his schedule allows to discuss the structure of the Whole Parish meeting to ensure the greatest community participation and consensus. The goal is that this meeting will be held before the end of May;
7. The next Whole Parish meeting with Mr. Posewitz to optimally be held by the end of May.

Action: The Steering Committee agreed to the above timeline.

The committee adjourned to take a tour of the Sacristy and its current issues. Our next meeting will be determined by Mr. Posewitz's schedule.

Respectfully submitted:
Ruth Licitra 4/12/2016