



Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

Minutes of Meeting January 24, 2017

Present: Betty Chrestenson, Judy Cooney, Barbara Dryden, Marge Nordin, Deacon Ron Butler, Joe Mussulman, Fr. Ed Hislop, Pat Wegner, Sr. Mary Jo Quinn, Jim McDonald, Joe Licitra, Doug Glevanik, and Ruth Licitra.

Fr. Ed asked the committee for their reflections on the Parish Listening Sessions held Saturday, January 21st and Sunday, January 22nd:

- ◆ Parishioners were open in their opinions on the “in the round” seating arrangement:
 - Some did not like it.
 - There were traffic flow issues.
 - Need more natural traffic flow patterns so that people know what to do.
 - There was not enough time to get settled into the new arrangement.
- ◆ Some had comments to make about the tour of the building:
 - The flooding in the office drew comment
 - There was no time for people to offer comments or feedback on the tour.
- ◆ There should have been more time to reflect at the Listening Sessions, less time spent touring the building;
- ◆ A number of parishioners left rather than stay to share their opinion;
- ◆ Parishioners feel overwhelmed at the scope of changes involved;
- ◆ If we are low on stewardship, how can we afford to these major changes?
- ◆ The Saturday evening session had more positive comments.
- ◆ People got hung up on issues (e.g., parking lot lighting).
- ◆ The people who came were engaged and honest.
- ◆ Conclusions for a direction to move forward:
 - We cannot let the vision die.
 - We need to do something that is not as dramatic as the “in the round” arrangement, but that incorporates the things we like about it (closeness to the altar, etc.).
 - Changes should be made in stages.
 - A capital campaign will be needed to raise the money to make the changes we want and need to make to the building. (e.g., St. Anne’s in Butte was built during a financially difficult time so our current difficulties do not have to stop our progress.)
 - It is time to get started: organize work committees, make priorities: parishioners need to be involved.
 - We need a more specific plan for the Worship Space and exterior.

Next Steps:

- ◆ We need to publish the results of the Listening Sessions.
- ◆ Establish work groups and leaders to work on the issues in the Worship Space, Sacristy, and Accessibility.
- ◆ Marge and Joe M. will work on the Group responses.
- ◆ Pat and Barb will collate the individual forms.
- ◆ Fr. Ed, Sr. Mary Jo and Joe L. will map out the process from here to May
- ◆ Fr. Ed, Sr. Mary Jo and Joe L. talk with Carl about other Worship Space arrangements.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 29, 2017
Ruth Licitra