

St. Joseph Church Pastoral Council Meeting - May 25, 2010

Members Present: Sandy Blankenship, Ed Davis, Father Thomas Flach, Bill Harper, Renee Kirschbaum, John Rains

Members Absent: Bill Hess, Tom Kadela, Adam Lawler

The meeting started with an opening prayer and approval of the minutes from the previous month.

### **Church Renovations**

The engineer's and architect's work will be 50% complete this Thursday. The remaining half will be done by early July. One bill will come due which we can pay in July.

There have been 2 liturgical furnishings committee meetings. Some progress has been made regarding decisions of what needs to be done in this area. The altar will remain as is, and the ambo and tabernacle will be made from the same material to maintain a connection. The large crucifix on the west wall needs more depth and lighting behind it. The Joseph and Mary sculptures may be replaced by a Holy Family sculpture, with the Joseph and Mary statues possibly being repositioned to the inside walls of the sanctuary. There will be 2 shrine areas, one at the Russell St. entrance and possibly one in the gathering area. There was some debate on what will stay in the shrines. The 3 windows in the nave will be removed. The plan is to use the stained glass near the reconciliation area and other windows that will face Russell St. Clear, leaded glass will be used for the gathering area facing the parking lot. The doors will be wood. A third stained glass window will go in the lounge on the north side. The 14 Stations of the Cross will go on the north wall with accent lighting. The Chrismatory will be placed in the gathering space near the Baptismal font. The south door of the chapel and northeast exit door from the nave will be renovated and kept, if possible. There will be furnishings purchased for the lounge and the doors on the reconciliation rooms will be reused. Father would like to see the niche on the right of the sanctuary be used for the credence table. There is also a recommendation that the table behind the altar in the chapel be removed.

Ed Davis continues to voice his concerns about the proposed flat roof. He intends to talk more in depth with the architects about his concerns.

John Rains asked the question of where to go next with the Capital Campaign. He has talked with some people who are interested in moving forward with this and states that we are probably financially ready to begin the project.

### **Church Survey Update**

Tom Kadela was not present so there was not a church survey update.

## **Pastoral Associate Report**

Bill Harper passed out an organizational chart for us to consider and discuss. There was minimal discussion on this issue.

## **Welcoming Committee**

We have 21 new families who have joined the parish since February. There was a discussion of whether or not to publish their names in the bulletin.

**Youth Ministry-** No update

## **Other Business**

Our property is being included in the TIF District. There is a meeting on June 23 which Adam Lawler will attend. This should not have significant impact on us.

We are looking at ways to provide more social opportunities for families, possibly a family social night. There may be a parish picnic on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There was a lengthy discussion on putting together a parish directory. Ed Davis has done some research on the costs and other aspects of what would be involved in such a project. He is wondering if we should print it locally rather than use a company who does the directories. He found that the ads that the companies were selling were rather expensive. In order to move forward, some decisions will need to be made on whether we want to do the directories ourselves and how much to charge for the ads. It was also decided that a parish census would need to be done prior to undertaking this project. This issue will be considered at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.