

Holy Family Parish Town Hall Meeting #3

February 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Question & Answer Portion

Q: Gary Knoll, Respect Life Committee

- Provided information on the ongoing *Memorial to the Unborn* project.
- Planning and financing is almost complete.
- Where would this fit into the plan?

A:

- Thank you for the information and input. We will keep it in mind.

Q:

- Will these projects be prioritized? Re: A Top 5/10 List?
- Will there be a parish vote?
- Are there monies already set aside for this?
- Are there parish members willing to donate materials/services?

A:

- We are very early in the process. Priorities will come.
- Information from the Diocese and consultants predict that a capital campaign will generally bring in three times a parish's annual ordinary income.
- Projects with a visual aspect tend to get more than three times ordinary income.
- This is just a rough estimate.
- We have one donor so far.

Q:

- Are there stages to the project & fundraising?
- Looking at the drawings, this will take up the woodchip area. Where will the children play?

A:

- These drawings are from the original proposal left from Msgr. Barr
- This issue (child safety) has been a major red flag and we are very aware of it.
- We will look at other options, such as rotating the Fellowship Hall building toward the northeast, or connecting it to the east end of the school building.

Q:

- I have visited St. Joan of Arc parish in Lisle, IL. They have a church with similar size and structure. Possibly we could consider simple, less expensive cosmetic changes that could easily brighten the space. They have a large baptismal font at the entrance. They also have a pick-up procedure for the school that involves specific "stations" with the family names put into the window, then children are called by family to their cars.

A:

- Thank you for that information. Those are good points.

Q: In regards to the Fellowship Hall:

- Would there be additional revenue opportunities, such as receptions?
- With the Diocesan campaign in front of ours, won't there be a "fatigue factor"?

A:

- Yes, there will be opportunities to generate additional revenue from use of the space.
- The Diocesan Campaign is for the expansion of Catholic Charities (40%) and for Diocesan Schools (60%). Their goal is \$52 million.

Q:

- If part of the Diocesan appeal is for schools, can we use some of our portion for some of the school's immediate needs?

A:

- Yes, we have the opportunity to receive a portion of our assessment back.

Q:

- Are there different phases?

A:

- A long, 10-year plan will wear people out. The idea now is that we haven't done much as far as a capital campaign or major building projects in a number of years. Let's make it effective and short and get a lot done.
- A feasibility study will be the first step in this process. This will flush out our priorities.
- There are different definitions of "phases". This has not been determined at this point.
- Mechanical (our HVAC/mechanical systems company) has told us that the energy savings coming from some of these updates will help fund the projects. For example, with a new boiler system for the school, we could cut our energy expenses by 2/3.

Q:

- Has utilization been considered? There is concern that we may not need the extra space.

A:

- Most people associate our campus with attending Sunday mass. However, we are at capacity for space during the week for meeting and event space. We have had to use the Youth House for groups to meet in because of the lack of usable space.

Q:

- Are we duplicating purposes with an expanded narthex and a Fellowship Hall?

A:

- Fr. Kaim agreed that this would be ideal. He would love to be able to have the two areas combined. However, due to our current building and parking configuration, there is no room to add the Fellowship Hall onto the front entrance area of the church.
- Joe mentioned that ultimately, a plan could include a combined space, if plans for size, etc. were adjusted.

Q:

- I'd like to see a list of priorities. The school needs to be the priority. The total list is overwhelming.

A:

- There definitely will be a list of priorities.

Q:

- Has thought been given to a multipurpose room? For instance adding a stage for use during performances, etc.

A:

- There will be a phase of the project where we will give input on programming, etc., and those are some great ideas.

Q:

- Suggestion: Go to St. Rita, Stockton, Lena, Huntley: Ask what they would do differently.
- Keep in mind, joining the narthex and Fellowship Hall would interfere with event set-up and those coming for masses.
- Huntley has a riser system with removable stage.

A:

- Thank you. Great ideas.

Q:

- Parish member for entire life. I have concerns about changing the interior architectural details of the church. There is meaning to many of the structures that are being looked at for potential changes.
- Is there a need for such a large Fellowship Hall based on the demographics of our parish and surrounding area?
- We need more evangelizing of our children, that needs to be the focus.
- Can the gym be expanded to give us usable space instead of a new building?

A:

- Thank you, those are good points.

Q: Current parishioner: Hates the current narthex. It is too cluttered and distracting. I like the gathering place idea, but it needs to be kept simple and neat.