

Arts & Liturgical Environment Committee (ALEC)

September 9, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Present: Fr. Bob, George, Chris, Carmen, Connie, and new committee member Paul Reilly

Fr. Bob lead us in prayer.

The minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting were reviewed. George called for ratification of the minutes. Chris made a motion, Carmen seconded, and all were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Fr. Bob introduced Paul Reilly to our committee as its newest member. Paul told us his background (Architect – Sacred Heart Cathedral in New Jersey and several other churches. Also involved in the restoration of many churches.)

Old business –

- The Tabernacle is in place, cement work, tiled platform all done. Sanctuary lamp is not done yet. The craftsman, Dale is unable to the work we requested. George suggests Tim a Subcontractor, Concepts in Aluminum, come up with a proposal and make a sample for Fr. Bob and George to review for all items (holy water font raised base, Sanctuary lamp base for church and chapel.*
- The Crucifix is completed and everyone is pleased. ALEC is very happy with the Artist, George Sheer, who carved the Corpus.*
- Fr. Bob said it is important to come up with a concept for the Marian statue- what we want to portray. One suggestion is, “Our Lady of America.” Artist, George Sheer recommended not having a typical base, but having clouds as part of the base/stand. Artist, Frank Varga suggested “Mary at the Assumption.” Both artists are offering proposals for our committee to review. Connie to get card Ben (daily Mass music) had of Our Lady of America for Task Force committee. The Task Force committee formed for this endeavor is – George, Carmen, and Chris. They will give a presentation of their research at our next meeting.*

- *Tim of Concepts in Aluminum will be contacted by George regarding the Roman Numerals needed under the Stations of the Cross. He will also contact Irwin.*
- *The Vicar General of the Diocese is dedicated to finding us a Relic of St. Agnes. This brought an open discussion of using the room off of the reception area. If we have a Relic the room could tie into being a Prayer Room. Fr. Bob brought up one of the committee's original ideas of using the room for 24-hour Adoration, having a Monstrance in the glass enclosure. This would involve an exterior door being cut into the wall. In the interim, George is going to get a proposal for the interior door so the room can be sound-proof for appropriate meditation if we do get a Relic. George advised Fr. Bob that the Monstrance we borrowed needed to be returned in October.*
- *Round table discussion ensued regarding reducing the sound (echo) in the Narthex. Several ideas revolved around using banners and/or sound boards. Task force formed – Connie, Paul, and Chris. Connie will check into our getting a Sound Engineer/Acoustics Consultant to offer suggestions.*
- *Fr. Bob said a Liturgy Committee will be formed in the future and responsible for the planning of the entire Liturgy including one aspect being decorating according to the Liturgy. Chris has volunteered to serve as a representative of ALCC.*

New business –

- *After ALCC minutes are ratified, Deb Vale is to put them on the St. Agnes website. Connie following up to see that this is happening.*
- *Sal and Erwin's departure from Naples is felt by our committee and the St. Agnes community. They each contributed in great ways. They will be sorely missed. We discussed sending them a thank you of some sort (framed card, picture). Connie will contact Deb Vale and/or Gloria Carter to take several pictures (Sanctuary, Tabernacle) for the committee to review.*
- *With Sal and Erwin's leaving, Paul Reilly is filling one of the positions and we talked about another contributor. The focus for this member should be for the subcommittee on decorating. This item tabled.*

- *Tabled also at this meeting was any discussion of additional permanent appointments for the church or chapel. George said a parishioner said the sanctuary area in the Chapel should be defined. As a committee we felt it is defined. We also have to consider the chapel is used for various other functions wherein the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the Tabernacle there and placed in the church tabernacle.*
- *Fr. Bob announced the Parish Council is being formed. There will be an information, prayer, and discernment meeting of nominees and those already selected to serve with Fr. Bob on Tuesday, September 16th at 7 P.M. Our committee selected George to be a representative from ALCC.*

Decorating Subcommittee Business –

- *Connie stated that according to the Guidelines for Arts & Liturgical Environment Committee, we are falling short of decorating for other Liturgical seasons. We have only decorated for the main ones in our first year. We hope to expand in design ideas for other Liturgical seasons. This may come through whatever avenues are discussed for reducing sound in the Narthex.*
- *When our Nativity scene set was purchased last year, we discussed adding to it each year. Chris suggested we consider purchasing a Manger for the figures to be placed in and around. After open discussion, it was decided to not purchase anything this year, but to add to the “wish list” letter in the bulletin during the Christmas season.*
- *The Nativity figures need to have their bases reinforced to prevent them from falling over like last year. Connie will call Tim of Concepts in Aluminum to see what he can make.*

Closing –

- *Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2008 at 9:30 AM*
- *Our meeting was adjourned at noon.*
- *Fr. Bob lead us in a closing prayer.*

Respectfully submitted by Connie Brehm

