

Arts and Liturgical Environment Committee (ALEC)

Meeting October 31, 2007 @ 9:30 AM

Present were Fr. Bob, George, Fr. John, Michele, Chris, Erwin, Connie, Sal, Carmen, and visiting member Anne Cook.

Fr. Bob lead us in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (Oct. 10th) were reviewed. **Corrections: 1. Under Phase I, Tabernacle base donated was for Chapel, not Church. 2. Cost for kneelers in main Church is approximately \$47,807. not \$43,807 as written.** Fr. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, George seconded and all were in favor to accept the minutes as corrected.

Fr. Bob introduced Anne Cook who is a seasonal resident from Cincinnati, Ohio. Anne has served the Arts and Liturgical Environment Committee for her home parish and has done extensive research of artists, etc. Anne said she welcomes the opportunity to assist our committee.

Having to leave early to do a Mass at St. John Neuman High School, Fr. John brought up what he thought the Corpus should look like – he passed around a sculpture of Christ on a Cross to committee members. Fr. Bob said we should look at various artists before deciding. Ann said she knows of several artists her church in Ohio used and she will email information back to our committee. Erwin lead an open discussion of various interpretations of what we should select for St. Agnes Church.

Fr. Bob said two parishioners came forward offering to donate money for a statue of the Blessed Virgin and a statue of St. John the Evangelist. Erwin said he thought the focus should be on the Crucifix and not other things in the Sanctuary. Anne said a thought could be to have a statue of Mary in the Day Chapel. Fr. Bob said he would like there to be a “point person” to pull all ideas and materials together regarding the Crucifix, Corpus, and Blessed Virgin. George offered to compile everything for a presentation. He will put a notebook together for all to review so ALEC can come up with a consensus of which artist to commission. Sal asked for a show of hands of those wanting a statue of Mary in the Church. The majority was in favor. Sal made a motion and George seconded that we have a Statue of Mary; a majority ruled. There will be a special meeting, “Crucifix meeting” November 12, 2007 at 9:30 AM for all to bring examples of their interpretation for the Corpus. Also everyone was asked to look in the Church for what they think would be proper placement for a statue of the Blessed Virgin.

Michele brought up that there should be a reconfiguration of seating in the Chapel that would be pleasing to the style of the Chapel. All were in agreement.

Erwin said he was placing the marble base in the wall cut-out inside the church by the side door. Michele mentioned she thought it would stick out too far. She also mentioned she saw a beautiful bowl to be placed on top of the marble if it does work.

Fr. Bob mentioned the following anticipated donations from parishioners in the forthcoming months:

- Family donating \$1,500.00 a month
- Person donating \$15,250.00 in installments
- \$10,000. - \$12,000. donated for the tabernacle.
- \$500.00 donated for the Crucifix
- There is a Donor for the Monstrance (no dollar amount was placed on the cost)
- \$1,000.00 donated from someone for any area needed
- \$6,000.00 was received from the Diocese for kneelers in the Chapel
- Wood for large crucifix is being donated by Erwin

Erwin showed the wood carved Stations of The Cross to be hung in the Church. There was an open discussion of how they would be finished. Erwin will have prototypes at the next meeting. Sal asked if there was consideration for a crucifix in the Chapel; round-table discussion followed. George brought up having a statue of the Blessed Virgin in the Chapel. No determination was made for the crucifix or statue – items tabled.

Fr. Bob said the Holy Family statue has been ordered. Pavers will be placed on the area approaching that parishioners may purchase. Fr. Bob showed a drawing of the exterior sign announcing Mass times. The cost is approximately \$500.00. George made a motion to accept and purchase, Fr. Bob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

George checked to see if the kneelers were going to fit in the church as there was some question because of the incline; they will fit. Kneelers for the Chapel will be in by the end of November or beginning of December.

Fr. Bob said the cost for the display board (approx. 6 foot) is \$1,000.00. All were in favor to order.

Fr. Bob distributed a letter from a parishioner having an interest in openness of our committee. A round-table discussion brought up suggestions to post minutes of ALEC on our Church website. Erwin suggested taping the next town hall meeting (tentatively planned for Nov. 18th) and posting it on the website, too.

Erwin said the cost for the Eucharist door is approximately \$4,000.00. Item tabled until next meeting. He also stated the cost for the mechanism for the banners in the Narthex is approximately \$10,000.00 – a one time cost. Item also tabled.

Fr. Bob said someone wants to donate an outside Nativity set and he will direct them to contact Connie.

Our next meeting is December 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Fr. Bob led ALEC in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Brehm.