

## Arts and Liturgical Environment Committee

Meeting August 16, 2007, 7:00 PM

Present were Father Bob Kantor, Michele Nowosad, Chris Smith, Connie Brehm, George de los Reyes, Erwin Kollegger. Absent: Carmen Rivera and Sal Balachino

Father Bob led the committee in an opening prayer.

Father Bob handed out an agenda for the meeting and he outlined the guiding principles of the committee as set forth:

- Committee is advisory to the administrator/pastor.
- Where requirements are identified in authoritative liturgical documents of the Church, we will comply.
- Where needs are identified, but artistic/design direction is required, appropriate subcommittee will meet, keep committee chairperson informed, and make recommendations to the administrator/pastor in a timely fashion.
- Where elective improvements are proposed, appropriate subcommittee will meet, keep chairperson informed, and make recommendations to the administrator/pastor in a timely fashion.

Father Bob introduced George de los Reyes. George was not at our first meeting July 31, 2007. George said he and his family are new to St. Agnes. He holds an M.A. in Theology. He is a building contractor.

The next item on the agenda was to elect a Chairperson and Secretary. Connie Brehm volunteered to be the secretary and record minutes of the meetings. She was confirmed by all present. Chris Smith nominated Erwin Kollegger for the committee's Chairperson. Erwin declined and nominated George de los Reyes. Connie nominated Sal Balachino. Ballots were cast. Elected Chairperson was George de los Reyes.

The order of the meeting was interrupted so Father Bob could introduce Carol Wilson of the Ladies of St. Agnes group. Carol explained that the Ladies of St. Agnes have committed to donate a Holy Family Statue to the church to be placed on church grounds. They have set aside \$25,000. for the statue. Carol said if additional money was needed, it's possible to donate

more within reason. There was a round table discussion on location of the statue, what material it is to be made of, and compatibility with the future. Father Bob said a subcommittee will study considerations for proposals and the chairperson will report their recommendations to Father Bob. Father Bob thanked Carol for attending and said to thank the Ladies of St. Agnes for their generous donation.

Going back to the agenda, (Observations/Recommendations from the Church documents) Father Bob read emails he had received from parishioners with their suggestions and/or proposals for St. Agnes Church. They included having a large crucifix in the church, kneelers, and statue of the Blessed Virgin. Michele distributed a 5-page presentation to committee members entitled, "Topics for Discussion." As presenter she spoke about her interpretation of the committee's Vision and Mission. She talked about respecting and celebrating the values, culture, and climate of our church, what we have to work with, and our time constraints. Michele showed us a photograph of the sanctuary and then put an overlay on it with a large Crucifix hanging down in the archway. She also did the same to show how large wreaths could look hanging on the grid work in the church. Father Bob complimented her on a very impressive presentation. Father Bob advised the committee that there was \$300,000. to finish the church and that our committee has an opportunity playing an integral role in our beautiful church's completion. He said we didn't have to spend the money as it could go back and be used for the debt, but originally that amount was set aside with a purpose.

Chris gleaned from the church documents, Built of Living Stones, that the church should have kneelers. Erwin said his research revealed (and he expressed full agreement) that the Roman Catholic Church is going back to tradition, having kneelers, a crucifix, etc. The documents provided to us supported an interpretation of a need to comply with requirements in several areas when we are able to do so (financially).

Father Bob went over Liturgist Observations/Comments from the agenda he passed out. Input was from Fr. John Mark Klaus, Dir. Of Office of Worship, Diocese of Venice and Brian MacMichael, Office of Worship, D. of Ft. Wayne – S. Bend.

Father Bob went over the Facility use plan (Church, Chapel, Narthex, Bride's room, Cry room, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Conference Room, and

Canopy area outside. There was a round table discussion for each of the areas.

Next on the agenda was the designation of subcommittees. Subcommittee #1: Permanent Appointments (Grounds: Holy Family Statue; signage for outside signs; Church: Crucifix, Statuary, kneelers, Stations of the Cross, tabernacle; shrines/votive candles, holy water font for west exit; Chapel: kneelers, tabernacle, small Stations of the Cross; Narthex: tapestries, Big Screen TV, noise suppression, donor recognition, bulletin board)

- Erwin Kollegger
- George de los Reyes
- Sal Balachino

Subcommittee # 2: Seasonal Decorations/Occasional Items (Seasonal Banners, Monstrance, Christmas trees/garland/wreaths/lights, Nativity scene, Advent wreath/candles, Crucifix/Cross for veneration, tabernacle for Holy Thursday)

- Connie Brehm
- Carmen Rivera
- Michele Nowasad
- Chris Smith

Father Bob asked that each committee prioritize by the following categories:

Phase I: Immediate need (within 6 months)

Phase II: Intermediate need (6 months – 1 year)

Phase III: Future need (beyond 1 year)

(Suggest noting the priority in their recommendation to the administrator/pastor)

Father Bob said Wednesday, August 22, 2007 the Chapel would be reconfigured for the Latin Mass (first Mass – August 26 at 8:00 AM). He advised the cost of the kneeler kits would be \$6,000. A request has been made to the Bishop to assist with the funding. Also cost could be covered by the collections from the Latin Masses and/or earmarked donations. Additionally, Congregation members are constructing 6 additional prie dieus to match our present ones for use during the Mass.

Father Bob distributed materials having to do with each sub-committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 4, 2007 at 7 PM.

Father Bob led us in a closing prayer. Committee adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Connie Brehm