

## **Quarterly Parish Leadership Meeting**

**Wed Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**

Indoor Plumbing

Cry Room

Large Lobby area

Seats in the Large Lobby area

The church should all be on one level – no Choir loft

Easy access from the rear – don't have to walk all the way around

More statues of saints

Water fountains in the lobby

Changing tables in the men's bathroom

No carpet in the church – use tile

Jumbo Tron; TV Screens for music

Pre-Wire Sound System

Auction off bricks when we tear down old church

Absolutely do not want to attend church for 2 years in the gym while we build the new church

Asked what the plan for the Rectory is – Unknown at this time

Would like to have slope to floor towards altar

Would not like to have slope

Would like to have next to the school or at least next to gym

Would like less slope to the parking lot

Coffee service in the lobby would be great

At least 2 stalls in each bathroom and make them close by.

Need new organ/grand piano

Please consider moving one Sunday morning Mass to Sunday evening

Ask Holy Child Students what they would like to see in the new church

Great acoustics so we don't need microphones

A library/CD area by the front door.

Larger Sacristy

Separate area for priest to robe in the back of church

Clear glass behind the altar.

We need a major discussion about what to use from current church

## **Suggestions/Comments from the Men's Club Meeting**

**November 1st**

Good sound system; Bright lighting;

Use new windows

Good vision of altar;

sloping floor; level floor;

traditional design

St. Joe's pews are uncomfortable and there is no foot room for those with large feet

Carry design features of old church into new church;

Accessibility

Not wanting to go to church in gym for 2 years

## New Church Town Hall Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017 - 7:00pm

Location – 3 sites stated – Current church location, Jeffco Blvd by Fire Station, Bus Garage location.

Budget – 3.5 million benchmark amount.

The new church will have bathrooms and a cry room.

Choir in front or off to the side.

Choir in back up a little but on the first floor

The church must be torn down

Could all the 3 buildings be connected? (Church, School, Parish Center)

Sloping floors are hard for the elderly (up & down). Also hard with those in wheelchairs and walkers.

Accessibility to all 3 buildings for the children's safety and comfort is important.

Bus Garage seems like an awesome spot to tie into. Multi-tiered building available. The extra space would keep the gym open for more community activities. Most bang for the buck.

Where would the preschool go if the bus garage is used? Room A could be used and conformed easily into classrooms.

Church facing East for the church doors is a nice idea.

The area to the right of the school is a bad location due to rain water run-off.

Parking, Accessibility, Parish Center, School – how can this all come together?

Gym changed into a church and then build a new gym later?

Will we rebuild a new rectory? Where would the priest go? Living as a community at St. Joseph is an option.

They have the room and this is healthier for the priests to live together in community. All on one floor with no stairs.

Rectory on campus would be better on-site.

3.5 million is not much money. Please don't cheapen the building for lack of funds. Quality over quantity.

We can do phases – finish parts later if funds run out.

Modern lower ceiling is lower cost.

Other churches on vacations – music is on the floor in the right front for most of them.

Semi-circular church is an option. They are popular everywhere.

St. Mark – oblong church with an alcove for the choir is very nice.

Make it expandable in the event St. David closes.

Randy Rathert from Archdiocese – No plans to close St. David Church any time soon.

New building fund church envelopes has raised \$28,000. Architectural fees, purchase of windows, surveys - \$170,000 already spent in this church. \$130,000 in the new windows to remove them. Can the windows be sold if they don't fit the new church? Yes, but not too many people are building churches right now.

All stained glass will be behind a thick window for insulation and protection.

Kneelers – Are they being done away with? Probably not; most churches in this area have kneelers.

Adoration Chapel would be nice.

Divider that spins the tabernacle for a Eucharistic Chapel would be nice.

Security systems using finger prints to enter the chapels.

How many people would the gym hold if converted into a church.

Floor loads may be a concern in the gym. That would have to be looked into. Shoring may be needed.

Stations, Crucifix and tabernacle could be used in the new church.

Mary statue needs to be on the left; Jesus on the right. Mary's head direction is the reason it is on the right.

Our stained glass windows are in poor condition. Estimate on taking them out to be repaired would be very expensive. They are painted glass and not fused stained glass.

Old family names on the windows could be saved. Use them in a different manner, such as hanging by meeting rooms to define those rooms.

Use upper portions of the old windows only could be an option.

Plain glass windows could be installed and then when donations are received, put the stain glass window in its place.

Bell tower/Steeple could be built later as an add-on phase if the donations are collected.

Steeple is on the roof itself and a bell tower is a separate building area.

Keep the cross from the bell tower.

Stamped brick walk is a good way to raise money. Capital campaign has talked about this. However, there will be no fund raisers until after the capital campaign.

Auction could use the old bricks to make money at the action.

Capital campaign committee – Brian Durlath, Collen Brochaugh, Tony Schmidt, Tom Crowder, ??

Capital campaign – established leaders of our church need to be on this committee as well as the young men. Art, Preston, Wendy will serve on this committee with them.

Capital Campaign to start by April 1th.

Traditional shape of the church is preferred over the round shape.

Station of the cross etched in glass would be beautiful. Someone saw this at a church while on vacation.

More room for the kneelers for guys with big feet.

Traditional design, non-sloping floor, higher tabernacle,

Two confessionals are needed.

Steering committee is going to reach out to the other parish ministries to get their input.

Two more meetings in November. Hope to have an idea of how this will look by the first of December to get together with an architect; ie, where to put it & how many seats.

A questionnaire needs to be developed with all pertinent questions and put it in the back of church.

Put a 1-5 priority on the questions.

What do we think the younger generations are going to want or need in the new church?

We need to get young people's comments.

The decisions presented to the architect will be giving at an open meeting prior to Dec 1<sup>st</sup> .

Remember why we go to church – The true presence of Jesus!

## **New Church Town Hall Meeting Minutes**

### **November 5, 2017 7:00pm**

Where will Fr. go if the rectory is torn down? A lot of options are available. Fr. Huber is leaning towards community living at St. Joe's church. There is room for this.

Church on top of the hill is preferred.

Parish Office is not going to be in the rectory.

Can we build a stable church on the current location? Yes, the current church has a faulty foundation not a faulty site.

Five years after it was built, the current church recognized the faulty foundation and tried to correct it.

Going to church in the gym – No big deal because it's temporary. Setup and tear down is inconvenient.

Small chapel in Room A3 a possibility.

Bus Garage area to tie in the 3 buildings is a great idea.

Should the church design be expandable in the event that another church in this area closes?

Can you build a church with \$3.5 million? Yes, St. John's Church was under that amount.

What will it cost to take down the old church?

Traditional type church preferred. St. John's Church is a good design.

A bigger Devotional area and an Adoration Chapel that opens behind the tabernacle is desired.

Semi - circle style is preferred so you have better view and less distraction.

More money on outside or inside? What is more important? Inside is more important. The outside can be updated later on.

Too much distraction in a traditional straight style church.

Do not touch any school building – Our church should be an Icon for the city of Arnold; to be seen!!

Connected with the Parish Center would be more convenient – more people would participate in community events if they don't have to walk through the parking lot to get there.

We should not be doing "business" in church. Too much clutter in the back of our current church.

Big lobby area then doors to enter the church. This would be nice and welcoming.

Library in the vestibule area/ a place to put all the brochures and information. A welcoming area.

Lighting – Brighter lights with dimmer switches.

Our current church holds 277 people including the choir loft.

Choir loft will be an additional cost with elevators and extended height.

There is a lot of distraction with the choir up front. There is a lot of movement in the choir.

Archdiocese gives us no money. 50% in cash must be in hand, then the Archdiocese will loan the committed balance of the pledges.

Capital Campaign – before we start this, a concept of the building is decided. It is a starting point and could change if the projected amount changes.

What are the essential parts of this church in addition to worship space? 300 seats, vestibule, bathrooms, cry room,

All 3 locations will accommodate the new church plan. Each site will have a slightly different floor plan.

What would it cost to eliminate paper books and use the electronic means?

A lot of items could be phased in later according to donations.

Security system – property is more vulnerable if the priest is not living on campus. A security system is going to be installed on the entire campus. This money was collected through donations at the IC Auction.

A monitor will be installed on the church to see who is going in and out from the church office.

Is there residential growth in our community? The seat numbers appear to be too low.

A parish census is coming. A postcard is being sent out to parishioners to prepare them for the phone call they will be getting.

Catholic's are decreasing at 2% nationwide and 1% in St. Louis area per year!

Will you let everyone know the decision that goes to the architect? An open forum meeting will be held to inform the parish.

Give pictures of the proposed church so people can better visualize what is being planned.

Church at 300 seats is a little low – Arnold is not done growing.

325 is a good number. Less Masses may be the case in years to come.

Our church numbers are down. 820 people attended Mass initially when Fr. Huber first came . That number is down about 100.

It will be a sacrifice to get this church built. Be prayerful about donating. It's between you & God. Plan for the future generations.

Start thinking what items from the church you want to bring to the new church?