

St. Michael Building Committee

May 1, 2019 – Meeting III

Building Committee Members:

Present Randy Chevalier – Building Committee Chairman
Fr. Borowiak Taylor Ashburn Sue Braun
Judy Charlson Bill Graeve Dr. Josh Miller
Mike Morgan Ed Ring

Randy Milbraith & Joe Kotulak representing RDG
Jeff Chadwick representing Clark Enersen
Emily Sottile, via video conference, representing Evergreene Architectural Arts

Meeting began with prayer in the chapel. Following that, Randy Milbraith led the discussion on Schematic Design, going thru a PowerPoint presentation. Points from this meeting:

- Began with a video from Denis McNamara on church beauty, with Randy M indicating our approach is neo-classical.
- Emily then led the discussion on the interior. She stressed the point of the colors/artwork expressing what you want the building to say, and that artwork must be function and support the liturgy. She said there is an intersection of aesthetics and budget. We need to articulate our vision as to what our desires are in the church.
- There was additional discussion of the American Saints in niches, and in the dome the Communion of Saints. Fr. pointed out that our parish does not have one overriding ethnic group, so the American saints would help with our parish Catholic identity.
- Ed asked that we make the Communion of Saints inclusive.
- Dr. Miller asked about incorporating God the Father in the dome.
- Taylor said we should have a Mary component since she is the patron saint of our diocese, and possibly incorporate other archangels. Possibly a Marian room or niche
- Judy asked about incorporating the Holy Spirit – Emily then discussed possible placement options.
- The placement of the Stations of the Cross was discussed, with them being 12 – 15 ft. high in the nave.
- Possibly have a mural of Calvary in the apse. There was talk of a Calvary scene replacing the crucifix. It needed to be a historically accurate depiction, possible at the moment of death, without looking too busy, and no locals in the scene.
- There was talk of a St. Michael theme for the stained glass windows.
- As an aside, in a previous meeting we had looked at pictures of the interior of the Knoxville, TN cathedral, which Evergreene did.