

St. Michael Building Committee

May 29, 2019 – Meeting V

Building Committee Members:

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

The meeting began with prayer in the day chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The perfect way to start a meeting.

The main focus was based on a list of items generated from Fr. Borowiak's meeting with Bishop Conley and priests from the liturgical committee.

The location of the baptismal font is final – it will be in the narthex. Exact placement in the narthex to be determined. The location of the ambo was discussed.

Based on the list, Joe presented some options, with two major discussion points being the location of the day chapel and the direction of the pews in the transepts.

An option presented was moving the 50 seat day chapel from the apse to the rear of the nave on the left side as you face the altar, which would be near the covered entrance. It could also be used for overflow on Christmas, Easter and any other celebrations resulting in very large crowds. It would be glass enclosed, with the option of opening the front of the day chapel for the overflow crowds. To add some privacy to the day chapel, the glass could be etched. The apse would become a mechanical room and storage, and be reduced in size, which would help reduce project cost and allow more daylight in the basement. Fr. was receptive to this layout.

A good part of the meeting was on the direction of the pews. Joe presented two ideas that he thought would pass muster with the Bishops Liturgical Committee. One had all the pews facing toward the front of church and the other option had pews in the transept facing inward toward the altar. After much discussion, Taylor presented an idea that if all the pews faced the front, we could use some of the space on either side of the altar for statues, such as to Mary and St. Joseph (as an example). This proposal gained a lot of support. Joe is going to work up a layout showing this.

A couple of items related to the pew layout were the sloped vs. flat floor and the type of ceiling. The pews facing forward may not be conducive to a sloped floor, but that has to be determined. It may be possible to slope the floor to the transept, then flat from that point forward. The sloped floor would be more expensive to build, but a dollar amount has not assigned. Briefly touched on the three types of ceilings, flat, barrel and gable or pitched. Flat ceiling is the least expensive. The type of ceiling may be dictated by the overall layout design.

Another option presented was moving the cry room from the left to the right side. Because of plumbing that would be on the right side, it would allow for shared plumbing and cost savings.

The location of the confessionals was discussed. We are somewhat limited on where they could be placed.

The bride's room was discussed. Everyone agreed that this room needs an entrance to the restroom.

The original design had a coat closet in the back. That would be taken out and repurposed for additional storage for such things as snow shovels and ice melt, or possible just opened up.

Fr. asked how high the walls would be. As currently configured, they would be 32' high. This is not finalized yet.