

St. Michael Building Committee

August 14, 2019 – Meeting VIII

Building Committee Members:

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

Joe Kotulak and Randy Milbraith representing RDG
Jeff Chadwick representing Clark Emerson
Ben Huck and Justin Hall representing Sampson Construction

Absent Ed Ring

The meeting began with a prayer in the day chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The parish building committee had previously reached out to Brester, Cheever, Hampton, Hausmann, Kingery and Sampson construction companies. After they submitted proposals, the list was trimmed to three: Hausmann, Hampton and Sampson. These three were interviewed, and from this group Sampson Construction was chosen.

Ben Huck of Sampson was introduced to the building committee. He works on the pre-construction phase of the project, working on bids and contracts. Justin Hall of Sampson was introduced to the building committee. He will be the on-site project manager. Sampson is in the process of getting a preliminary budget together for each project, which they hope to have finalized by the next meeting. They need additional design details to complete the budget. They did provide a draft of the project contract for review.

The architects, contractors, and parish building committee discussed issues raised by the July parish meetings, specifically the day chapel and cry room. Parishioners were open to using one of the transepts for daily Mass rather than a dedicated day chapel. RDG presented two options, one expanding the chapel to seat 70 and the other doing away with the day chapel and having an adoration chapel seating 6 – 8 and additional storage. The building committee asked the architect to modify the design by adding one confessional near the rear of the nave, along with the adoration chapel and storage. As for daily Mass, the presumption is it will be in one of the transepts, with the ability to light just the transept area to provide a more intimate experience. We still need approval from the Bishop to have a second Altar, which is believed to be workable.

On the opposite side of the day chapel will be the cry room, which will be approximately 300 sq. ft. Fr. Borowiak said he had heard from four parish families who recommended that the church not have a cry room. Their argument was that children should remain with their families and not be separated in a separate room. Fr. Borowiak said that he has heard from a good number of people on this subject, the large majority advocating for a cry room. Their main argument is that the Sunday experience is one they want marked by quiet, prayer and reflection, and that some parents will not take children out when they become fussy or begin to cry. Fr. Borowiak agreed and said sometimes it is very difficult to focus on the Mass or preach a homily with children crying. He said the cry room would provide a dedicated area within the church that hopefully will provide

for the needs of most parishioners. Fr. Borowiak asked that we continue to include a cry room in our plans. The committee was in unanimous agreement.

Randy Milbraith said he would work on getting several proposals for soil testing and analysis for the building site.

Jeff Chadwick of Clark-Emersen went over the school/lower level that he had presented at the July 24th meeting, which emphasized as much natural light as possible, with all the classrooms except one having exterior windows. The rooms will have moveable walls. Parishioners did not have comments on that, other than having religious art in the school. Jeff showed where we could place an outdoor prayer garden. The question of sound was addressed by Randy Milbraith, who said a sound engineer would be employed to ensure that school noise would not permeate the worship space. Also discussed were the structural elements, such as load bearing columns and walls.

Jeff Chadwick also went over the pickup and drop off for the school and the overall parking layout.