

BRIEF SUMMARY OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING of AUGUST 22, 2017

The members spend some time reviewing where we have been, what we have discussed, what has happened over the summer, and what each of us understood as the current status of things. This was to ensure that we are all “on the same page”. We then summarized our work thusly:

1. Regarding the original church building of 1941

The ad hoc steering committee reiterates that this building should be demolished. We understand and concur that this work is already being negotiated. We hand over responsibility for this to the parish staff and the new building project committee/fund raising committee.

2. Regarding the old church building of 1959 (the Butler building)

The ad hoc steering committee recommends:

- This building should *not* be torn down.
- The building should be renovated as a large, multi-purpose meeting hall. Such renovation might cost anywhere from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000, depending on how “fancy” one chooses to get. It should include, in any case, new bathrooms and some kind of kitchen.
- We should not install permanent interior walls, that is, we should not remodel the building into a “school house”. Nor should it be remodeled for any other one, specific, specialized purpose (just a gymnasium, a party hall for public rental, etc.) It should be truly multi-purpose.

3. Regarding the parish center of 1988

The ad hoc steering committee recommends:

- We understand that, back in 2009-2010, drawings were made and tacit approval was given by parishioners for a large expansion (annex) to this building. In today’s dollars, however, an annex like the one in the drawing would cost upward of \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. We do not believe that parishioners are willing to pay for this.
- We recommend that the present classrooms be kept, and we will find a way to accommodate the many classes, activities, meeting and events, as best we can.
- The present parish hall should be kept as a smaller, multi-purpose room. There should still be bathrooms and some kind of kitchen. (To clarify: we are recommending two kitchens. They will be used!)
- For the 2017-2018 school year, the catechists will set up temporary classrooms in the parish hall. At the end of the year, a future building committee will need to decide a more permanent solution.
- We foresee repairs and renovations to this building costing in the \$100,000 range.

The ad hoc steering committee will hold a public meeting on August 26. We will hold one last committee meeting on September 13, to wrap up our work. The ad hoc steering committee will then be dissolved and replaced by two new committees, a building project committee and a fund raising committee.

*Fr. Bob Showers
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