

Architect Steering Committee

February 25, 2010

-Meeting Minutes -

Steering Committee Members Present

Kevin Adler, Kim Bakic, Caroline Brdshaw, Jim Caldarola, Deacon Ken Donohue, Shirley Germaine, Kathy Harte, Fr. Tom Lilly and Katie Reed, along with Mr. Bruce Williams, Principal, Black and White Studio Architects.

Business Discussed

Meeting began at 7:00pm with prayer.

Bruce Williams reviewed with the Committee the major areas for change:

- a. Narthex (foyer): to make it a more sacred transition space between the secular and sacred worlds, removing the “busy-ness” of the space.
- b. Existing back wall of the church: create less institutional-looking windows (“light apertures”).
- c. Entry doors: align front entryway with altar and have more detailed and larger entry doors to the church proper)
- d. Crucifix: size the cross appropriately relative to the corpus.
- e. Room behind the altar: use this space as an area for adoration, taking advantage of existing light. Room is undersized for this purpose.
- f. Existing confessional: larger than needed for this purpose
- g. Music and art/environment storage: increase space.
- h. Existing Adoration Chapel: this space could be used as a more intimate area for prayer; perhaps a Marian Shrine.
- i. Ceiling: too stark with lighting fixtures that don’t compliment the rest of the room.
- j. Sanctuary: size the altar and ambo appropriately and increase square footage of sanctuary.

Bruce then presented a model addressing these areas and rough cost estimates associated. Conversation followed for a couple of hours.

Next Steps

The Committee was unanimous in asking Bruce to take the next step and complete a model that can be shared at a future town hall meeting once the same process is completed with the school community. Since we are one parish with the school as an apostolate of the parish, Fr. Tom asked that the entire “master plan” be presented to the parish at one time for further comment and refinement.

Fr. Tom will bring the completed concept to the Archbishop for comment.

Fr. Tom thanked the Committee and Bruce for excellent work.

Closing prayer followed.