

St. Francis Vestry Meeting  
February 10, 2010

Present: Don Eigenberg, Don Kepler, Joyce Walsh, Julie Fancher, Karen Anderson, Vic Brenizer, Cindy Dickinson, Kathy Yates, Randy Yates, Gina Shedd, Collette Suhr, Sam Brown, Bob Brown

Absent: Chris Kelley, Don Gable, Jane Sayre

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:20pm.

Fr. Kelsey announced that after Wednesday Family Night Suppers during Lent, there will be programs that review the histories of St. Andrew's and St. Timothy's. The program is intended to help us reflect on the changes that have happened in the parishes and in our communities.

Vestry members were challenged to describe what is needed to update our church building and what we need to do to sustain our church in the coming years...and yet remain true to who we are and what we believe.

The following list of update suggestions was generated:

- ✚ Insulation needed in parish hall, addition and worship space.
- ✚ Electrical infrastructure in worship space needs to be completely updated.
- ✚ Audio/visual capabilities in worship space need to be addressed.
- ✚ Kitchen needs ventilation improvements.
- ✚ Bigger meeting rooms needed.
- ✚ Stage area not movable or capable of reshaping space.
- ✚ Excessive stairs around altar area and sacristries makes work in the area difficult for older parishioners or those with artificial joints/limbs.
- ✚ Choir pews are too close to communion rail so passage during communion difficult.
- ✚ Two old heating units remain in worship space, taking up needed space.
- ✚ Awning above front doors would add weather protection, mark entrance better and offer space for better illumination.
- ✚ Insulating panels to replace bottom row of glass around courtyard would decrease heat loss.
- ✚ Might want to move double front doors to parish hall so we'd have better access to courtyard. Then replace front doors with red doors.
- ✚ Incorporate stained glass window from St. Timothy's into north wall of parish hall.

Thoughts about prioritizing needs:

1. Reaching consensus among the Vestry about change decisions prior to presenting the plan to the congregation will help us gain congregational support.

It was the consensus of the group that the insulation and electrical updates are clearly the top priorities and should be done as soon as possible.

Remodeling plan will be developed as a “package” to present a clearer picture of the plans. It was also felt that remodeling piecemeal would probably be more costly.

Proposed timeline:

Develop remodeling plan by April.

Finalize the plan by May.

Begin remodel in June.

Have celebration of accomplishments at Thanksgiving.

Initial actions:

Fr. Kelsey will email a list of the ideas developed tonight to each Vestry member.

Each member will respond with additional ideas within one week to 10 days. Fr.

Kelsey will summarize the remodeling ideas. The Vestry will be divided into subgroups to work on separate parts of the remodel plan – get bids, compare equipment, etc. Vestry meetings will be used for reporting progress.

Additional announcement: Bob Brown will engrave name plates for memorial tree in parish hall.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:50pm.

Samala Brown  
Recording Secretary