

Minutes of the Building/Renovations Committee – 9/25/14 7 p.m. K.C. Hall

Present were: Fr. Randy Schon, Sister Rose Hacker, Betty Ann Schmitz, Alan Beste, Randy Schmitz, Pat Henkel, Dean Stephens, Monica Pearson, Tom Venner, Kathy Becker – visitor, Darwin Messerly

Prior to the opening prayer Betty Ann presented the contents of the committee folders and the history of activity prior to bringing RDG back into the picture; i.e. gathering of bids and scope of work identified.

1. Update on Campaign

Betty Ann went over the annual report on the campaign. The total in pledges is \$3,059,868.90. To move forward with our projects we will need to get Diocesan approval, and Fr. Randy reported that that is his responsibility as pastor. It was a committee decision to put the annual report in the bulletin the weekend of September 26-27, 2014.

2. Update on HVAC

This phase of the HVAC is nearly done. It was a huge undertaking that had to be done in 2 ½ months while school was not in session. The committee notebook has the information concerning the engineer used, the contractor, and the cost. Phase III – the first floor of the 1967 building (office, lab, and classroom) and the present parish hall has been put on hold until absolutely necessary. The hope is that the one boiler will be less stressed with the small area to heat and will continue to provide heat in the winter.

3. Removal of organ from balcony

The decision has already been made to remove the organ from the balcony to make more room for additional seating. The organ has been in need of repairs (estimated at costing over \$160,000) for a very long time, and has not been played for many years. Monica reported that it technically is not large enough for the church. She contacted several sources trying to preserve it as is – there was no solid interest in it. It would be difficult to remove intact, possibly damaging the church. Dean Stephens talked to West End Salvage in Des Moines. They said there was not a real interest in organs – but would like to see what it is made of to give it a possible value. The committee agreed it was better to salvage parts to be re-used. Tom Rose agreed to have it looked at to see if it could be taken apart, salvaging parts to be used somewhere in the new Parish Hall.

4. Report on the tour of churches in Omaha

The packet has a list of the churches visited in case anyone who could not go would want to visit on their own. Fr. Randy summarized the tour of churches with RGD in July of 2014. Dean Stephens added comments, Pat Henkel gave her thoughts. A power-point presentation on the tour is being prepared and will be shared with the committee when it applies to the scope of work.

5. Scope of work to be done on church

1. It was discovered that Alliant Energy was replacing the electric lines this summer – RDG was called in to help decide whether it was in our best interest to move them since the work was being done anyway. It was determined it would not save enough money to move the lines prior to construction.

2. All bids for the work on our windows were turned over to RDG to determine the scope of work and to make their recommendation. Their recommend was the Lambrecht Glass Studio in Omaha – the business toured in July. It was noted that the low bid – Bovard Studios – was the company dismissed from the work in the Ida Grove new church. Betty Ann will call RDG and give them a report, and have them proceed for the work to start next spring.

3. It was noted that the church roof is nearly 26 years old and may need to be redone along with the stone work. RDG will be informed to gather the 3 solid bids covering the scope of work required by the Diocese, and then report to us their recommendation. It may be decided to meet with them before a decision is made. It is hoped this work will be done in the spring/summer of 2015.

Fr. Randy brought up the need to clean up the property we have acquired on Oct. 11 – Clean Up Day. Tom Rose said he would start the clean up prior to that date, and the brick garage will come down at some time. All land will be leveled and seeded in the spring.

6. Elect a committee chairperson

Dean Stephens was elected as the Chairperson of the Building/Renovation Committee