

SPECIAL Parish Council Meeting September 26, 2016

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Deacon Axel, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Fred Silva, Rose Marie Hart, Sharon Hamlin, Matthew Zoller, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta, Tita Gontang, Claudia Alcantara, Tony Terracciano, Joe Woodhead, Deacon Jim

Guests: Steve and Judy Schwartz

Fr Clement called a special meeting of the Parish Council to hear from the Master Planning Committee and Finance Council on the status of the construction of a new parish office and rectory. They have adopted "Taking Our Past into the Future" as the overall vision statement for this undertaking.

As noted by Fr Clement tonight, major efforts were taken by the MPC to collect ideas and needs from ministries and parishioners as to what our new campus should provide. This coupled with research of the Parish's historical data which showed that most of our current campus' needs were identified over 10 years ago, gave the Committee the impetus to move forward. A picture of the proposed new building was provided to all parishioners in the Sep 23/24 parish bulletin.

At the meeting Judy Swartz presented a number of schematics on what our new office and rectory might look like. Council was impressed with the design, which would include among other things handicap access to the new building and church, including an elevator; covered walkways between the building and a narthex area. The office space would provide adequate space for staff, meeting rooms, a library and even a small chapel.

Steve Swartz next presented a financial picture of the Parish showing current assets of \$590,000 potentially available for this capital project. He noted: "For planning purposes we are estimating that we could spend about \$1.25 million". It was further noted that this could be reduced if the construction was done in several stages. Another way to help would be to seek relief from the Diocese from contributing to the Annual Appeals during our fundraising.

While the planning is still in its initial stages, the Council applauded the efforts to date and indicated their support of the draft plans. A Committee will be formulated by early next year to form a strategy and plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Edwards
Executive Officer