



Interior Design Team Minutes

July 14, 2015

Present: Charlene Buhlert, Loraine Doering, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Robert Habiger, Douglas Lynn, Sondra Parks, Fr. Michael Ratajczak, Chris Smith

Absent: Kathy Arciero, Mary Castle, Diana Diaz, Mario Diaz, Ann Eriksson, Jane Gladden, Brian Leahey, Kathy Quinn

Meeting began with the Prayer of Dedication (of the Altar) at 7:04pm.

Robert Habiger reported.

- Claire Wing is recovering from surgery.
- Robert walked through the space and will be sending a series of questions to RZA (Renzo Zecchetto and Associates).
- John Nava has completed the St. Thomas More tapestry. The small tapestries and posters of the tapestry will not be available until the end of August. They will be offered at cost as a good-will gesture to parishioners.
- Stephen Hirt will be on site for a week beginning on Monday, July 20, to install the Baptismal font.
- Fr. Mike inquired about the existence of renderings/pictures of the tabernacle. Robert reported that Stephen has not had time to make these due to unforeseen family events.
- Robert is following up with RZA about confessional screen, dedication candles (for crosses), seasonal fabric hanging apparatuses (Robert will propose some alternatives for hanging seasonal fabric). Mentioned Nancy Chinn as possible fabric artist (Art and Environment committee is aware of her work and has looked into working with her at a later date).
- Robert recommended to the committee that we live in the space for a period of time (up to one year) before adding anything to the environment.
- Phil inquired about the Mary shrine, and Robert reported that Claire Wing has completed the conceptual phase, but wants to meet with the committee once or twice as she moves into the design phase. Ours is her next project after she completes her recovery (see first bullet).
- Robert reported that the presider and deacon chairs are completed and are ready to ship and assemble on site. He noted that they look very elegant in the artist's shop.

Chris Smith reported.

- Posters of the STM tapestry will be available in two sizes for purchase.
- Small fabric tapestries (of the top portion of the full tapestry) will be available for purchase as well (see bullet 3 above).
- A first draft of the Dedication Mass brochure was distributed to the committee members, and they are asked to respond to Jane Gladden with suggestions for additional inclusions and suggestions for improvement (publicity@stmoside.org).
- Committee members were advised to go on line to find other dedication worship aids and brochures to review. Send any links to Lorraine who will compile a set of links on the IDT resource page.
- Chris reminded the committee that donor names will be in the Memorial Garden and not in the brochure.
- The brochure will be printed off site, and will necessitate a lead time.

Fr. Mike reported on the Cosmic Christ Mosaic

- Fr. Mike and Brian will travel to Connecticut to meet a mosaic artist recommended by Robert to evaluate the possibility of dismantling, moving, and recreating the mosaic at some exterior location at STM, perhaps in the Memorial Garden.
- Phil inquired about the need for Planning Commission approval, which was referred to Brian.

Fr. Mike gave a Construction Update.

- New contractor (Penick) site manager has provided a more efficient process. Kudos to Brian Leahey for getting us through this time.
- "Completion date" October 30 (but we have had dates before).
- Shared information about 5-acre lot that is for sale.

Members commented.

- Various comments of appreciation for the progress were expressed.
- Chris noted that the visible progress of the building has stimulated donations.
- Fr. Mike noted that Bishop McElroy has affirmed our need for kneelers.
- Fr. Mike noted that word about the church is spreading through the priestly network.
- Douglas suggested that committee members encourage everyone they know in the parish to take a Closer Look tour.
- Douglas noted that the Liturgy Committee has been working on the Dedication Mass.
- Robert added that he will be checking on the Paschal Candle stand and the status of the exterior Stations of the Cross. He also noted that in his walk around earlier in the day, he was very impressed with the space.
- Phil inquired about logistics for the Dedication Mass (parking, seating, etc.) and was assured that there will be an event committee to work on these issues.
- Phil noted that this is our "last July meeting" as we wrap up our work.

Our next meeting will be called as needed, and will probably be in September.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:39pm.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us. St. Thomas More, pray for us.