

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE  
INTERIOR DESIGN TEAM  
MINUTES OF MEETING - APRIL 8, 2008

Attending: Father Mike Ratajczak, Dr. Phil Goscienski, Pat Goscienski, Douglas Lynn,  
Lorraine Doering, Bob Wong, Mary Castle, Chris Smith, Ann Eriksson

Absent: Charlene Buhlert, Diana Diaz, Mario Diaz, Amy Martinez, Sondra Parks, Kathy Quinn

The meeting opened at 7:03 P.M. with the reading of the Prayer of Dedication.

Ann Eriksson substituted as secretary for Kathy Quinn.

We welcomed our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger.

Minutes from the Feb. 5, 2008 meeting were handed out and approved.

Design Appraisal evaluations were handed out to the IDT.

We welcomed Robert Habiger, the Liturgical Consultant, and the IDT members introduced themselves.

Dr. Phil briefly informed the Team that the New Construction Committee is in the final stages of selecting the architect. The timeline stands between 18-24 months for the necessary pre-construction stages before we actually break ground for the Church.

Father Mike explained the Diocese of San Diego's policy and position regarding loans and sufficient funds needed for loans. Our parish has sufficient funds to "move forward" on the building project.

Dr. Phil spent some time asking Robert questions regarding his vision, experiences, and thoughts about the liturgical environment. Robert Habiger's answers and IDT members' remarks are briefly summarized:

1. General thoughts of completing interior space: Starting from a "clean slate" along with architect's input.

Working hand in hand with each other on what materials are needed.

Need balance along with authenticity and appropriate and meaningful approaches.

Materials chosen can make a difference in the worship space from the "inside-out" through liturgy first then design.

Natural lighting from above rather than silhouettes from surface lighting.

Recyclable materials can be fine to a certain degree.

Cost efficient energy can be examined.

2. Guiding the IDT through the timeline: Establish good communication with architect, and IDT by having ongoing scheduled meetings.

Task forces/sub-committees need to be working on outcomes by studying and gathering information.

Perhaps bring parishioners from outside the IDT to serve on the sub-committees.

After three months these sub-committees present a report to the IDT.

Chris Smith and Dr. Phil mentioned that we have already embarked on forming the sub-committees from the IDT and the New Construction Committee and that communication through Town Hall meetings, videos, and the Tower have provided information to the parish.

Douglas Lynn said that the “unveiling” of the new church project has been ongoing by the Capital Campaign spokespeople.

Father Mike believes that our resources within the IDT and New Construction groups should be sufficient for our needs at this time.

3. The Three main process steps of Robert’s role as our Liturgical Consultant were addressed by Robert.

He discussed how the fees for his services could change a bit.

He is willing to meet with IDT on Saturdays as well as the monthly meetings.

He believes that more meetings will be necessary as we “move on” with the planning and building stages.

4. Robert will e-mail Dr. Phil his suggestions for sub-committees and their respective tasks.

The sub-committees are expected to meet and begin responding to those tasks.

They then will submit a written report to the IDT.

Following are the upcoming meetings:

May 13 Tues. 7-9:30 p.m.

June 10 Tues. 7-9:30 p.m.

June 28 Sat. 12-4:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9:35 p.m. with a short prayer led by Fr. Mike

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Eriksson