

TOWN HALL MEETING SUMMARY (ON THE NEW HALL PLANS)

June 30, 2016

Fr. Ken led the opening prayer, then introduced Randy Milbrath (RDG) and Randy Fuller (Estes Construction) who presented updates on the new Parish Hall project.

RDG explained how budget constraints required the hall size be reduced from about 12,127 down to 8,352 square feet. This will seat about 328 people comfortably at round tables. The Nursery Room and Youth Room will not be built in this phase but the plans provide for future expansion to add those rooms.

Construction documents are nearly completed and they will soon be sent out for bids. Formal approval of the project plans will then need approval from the Diocese. Ground breaking is planned for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:15 PM.

Estes plans to have the building undercover by November with construction completed by June 2017.

The hall is easily 1 1/2 times the size of St. Boniface hall. It will have a full kitchen for cooking or for catering that is about 1,000 square feet plus a pantry and janitor closet of about 200 square feet. Kitchen flooring will be a seamless, non-slip surface. There will be kitchen serving windows into the hall. The hall will be designed for folding walls to separate into smaller sections for 25-50 people.

LED lighting will be used throughout. Colors will not duplicate what is already in the Church but will be complementary. The hallway leading to hall will be carpeted. The hall will have vinyl tiles in a basket-weave style and porcelain tile in the restrooms. Flooring will be durable and easier to keep clean.

There will be a covered drop off area for accessibility with a cloakroom, lobby, restrooms and storage for tables and chairs.

Displays boards will be in the Gathering Area to see designs, colors and materials. (Visit the Parish website at jcpop.org and click on "New Parish Hall Update").

Questions & Answers:

1. Dick Lingle asked what is the size of the restrooms? There will be three stalls in each bathroom along with sinks and a diaper changing area.

2. Rose McEleney asked if there was a companion/family restroom? Not in this phase but it would be when the Nursery is built. At this time the two restrooms (men/women) with diaper changing areas can hopefully accommodate our needs.
3. Char Phillips asked if table & chair storage could be closer to the hall for ease of moving? Storage was moved to adjust the size/cost from the initial plan. But most times, the tables and chairs will likely remain set-up in the hall rather than be taken down and stored. Stackable chairs and round tables are being considered.
4. Denise McCarthy asked what the flooring would be like? It will be commercial grade vinyl. Due to the hall size, larger tiles in a basket-weave pattern will be used. The colors will complement the Church and Gathering Area colors.
5. Fr Ken asked how the vinyl floor will that affect acoustics, especially when there may be two events at the same time? The vinyl flooring and soft ceiling tiles will actually provide good acoustic materials.
6. Deacon Dorau asked if there will be a sound or PA system? We will need to work with the electrician on this and decide if we want permanent wall speakers or have a movable system. Movable sound systems seem to be used more often now.
7. Terry Geertz asked if there would be a window for carry outs? There is not a specific window for carry outs. There will be three different windows from the kitchen. The lobby area could perhaps be set up to use for carry outs.
8. Ray Wilden asked what the grade level of the hall will be in relationship to the church and also the drainage? After looking at several options, it was determined that the hall will be on the same level as the church. There will be drainage across to a detention area outside of parking lot. There will also be storm water drains.
9. Glen Messerich asked if there would be restrooms in the future additions and would we have to tear-up things up to put them in? There are restrooms and a family bathroom planned for the future Nursery/Youth Room additions. We will stub the utilities in the new construction for the Nursery, Youth Room and restrooms to accommodate future expansion.

Fr. Ken reminded everyone that keeping the Parish in your wills and bequests can help bring our future plans to fruition, and that the Ground Breaking Ceremony will be Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:15 PM (immediately after 5:30 PM Mass).

Bring your shovels!