

St. Mary/St. James
Planning Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 22, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Gary Loertscher at 7:05 p.m. Attending were: Tim Blair, Russell Cichy, Ken Remy, Rick Francois, Joe Donlin, Jerry Ziegler, Tim Stadelman, Mike Warmuth, Jerry Jansen, Carla Wolf, Kay Parish, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Rabas, Gary Loertscher, Carol Eberhardy, Joe Stadelman/AYA, Kevin Hammer, Dave Beck-Engel/Findorff, Doug Waelti, Ken Klink.

Carla Wolf presented the building fund summary. It shows a total value of cash and land of \$1,397,954. Remaining pledges to be collected are \$1,192,453.

The Fundraising Committee and the Finance Committee now report directly to the joint parish councils. Carol Eberhardy reported that the Fundraising Committee has met and is considering the sale of cards featuring the artwork of parishioner Gloria Jacobson, sale of Bucky Books, and raffling a car as possible fundraisers.

Discussion of the amount of revenue generated per year in the parishes was discussed. The average amount given per family is approximately \$360 per year. Donations must increase substantially in order to pay for the operating expenses and debt retirement of a new church. This is seen as a major hurdle in getting diocesan approval to build and in securing a loan from a financial institution. Planning for a new facility can only go so far until this is resolved. Despite this, the Planning Committee will move ahead as directed by the joint parish councils.

That directive says that the Planning Committee's proposal to build a new church, chapel, gathering area, and office complex was accepted. Estimated cost is \$4.6 million. The council directs that adjustments be made to lower the cost to \$4 million without compromising the seating capacity and integrity of the worship area. Revisions will be presented by early November, 2005.

Jerry Rabas presented correspondence he sent to Angus Young Associates and Findorff. He also distributed copies of "Recommendations to the combined Parish Council's of St. Mary of Lourdes Parish and St. James Parish".

Joe Stadelman of Angus Young plus Dave Beck-Engel and Kevin Hammer of Findorff were present to ask for areas to prioritize for cuts.

A committee was formed to meet with Angus Young and Findorff to discuss possible adjustments.

A Planning Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 to review conceptual cuts/changes to the building plan. Another Planning Committee

meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to do a final review of possible changes. Proposed changes will be taken to the combined parish councils in early November. The parish councils will then decide what steps to take next.

kk will contact the Diocese Building Committee to schedule a meeting before the Christmas holidays.

kk presented a letter from Bishop Morlino putting a moratorium on all new projects dealing with future buildings until the initial results of the diocese long range planning process is completed. This should be done by spring of 2006. Indications are that projects already started such as ours should continue their planning process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.