

Town Hall Meeting regarding Building Project
June 8, 2014

Kitchen: Our current kitchen is 260 square feet. The proposed kitchen is 464 square feet. Current drawing only has 1 door. Need entrance to kitchen from outside.

Bazaar: Where will the Bazaar be held? On the current parking lot and inside the new family life center.

Current Facility: The current facility will be used for classrooms. The current parish center will be used as 2 classrooms with the possibility of adding either a permanent wall or a more sound proof movable wall. The current kitchen will either stay as is depending on if new equipment is purchased or storage if the equipment is moved to new kitchen.

For the Cherry Street and Main Street houses. The Cherry Street house will most likely be sold and moved if possible. The Main Street house will be used for the Junior and Senior high CYM and High School Religion Classes.

The current PRE center (nun's house) will be removed. The trees around this building will have to be removed and a couple of trees in front of the rectory.

Parking & Drive: Current parking will not change. In the future as funds are available parking can be added on the lots across the street from the church. The new plans will allow for an entrance only off of Cherry St. and an exit only off onto Main St. The current entrance off of Rogers St. will remain.

Pledge and Current Donations to Building Fund: In the monthly envelopes families will receive the current building fund envelope and a yellow pledge envelope. Parishioners are asked to pledge and use the yellow envelope so we may track funds for the 80% requirement of the Dioceses of Little Rock. The building fund envelope will be used for those who choose not to pledge or would like to make additional donations to the building fund. It is not expected that you will use both envelopes each month. The pledge will take the place of the current donation.

Credit/Debit Card Donations: Online giving, which can be accessed from our website at www.hrclarksville.org, has ability to take credit or debit card along with electronic check.

Grants: The committee has talked about the possibility of pursuing grant opportunities. Most grants are matching funds; until we have more information from pledge drive we will not be able to start a grant process.

Is the pledge a contract? The pledge is a promise to pay but is not a binding contract with the Church. It is understood that only a percentage of pledges will be fulfilled. It is our prayer that parishioners will prayerfully consider their pledge and keep the promise with the parish.

Pledge Terms: The pledge is a 5 year pledge to the building fund. The Diocese of Little Rock requires 80% of the total cost of the project to be pledged by parishioners or through established fund raisers such as the Bazaar, 64 galore, & Cinco de Mayo in 5 years. The terms of the loan from the Dioceses will be a 15 year note.

Included in Projected Cost: Cost includes Building and drives. Does not include furnishing for classrooms, offices, or kitchen. Also, does not include additional parking on opposite side of street.

The current estimated cost is based on the preliminary drawings and on construction costs at the time the projects were given. The final cost of the project is subject to change. The projected cost of \$1.3 million does include a contingency fund, which was determined a % of the total cost of the project.

Restrooms: The size of the restrooms is based on state building codes for public restrooms and the size of the family life center. The placement of the restrooms in the front of the facility provide the ability to close off the classrooms when the family life center is being rented for other uses.

Architect and Contractor: The Architectural and Contractor firms were chosen based on their work with other catholic churches in our area as well as their connection with the Catholic Church. Both Wallie Sprick and Leo Anhalt are graduates of Subiaco Academy. Wallie is a member of the diocesan building committee and the committee believes that will work for us and with the best interest of the parish in mind. As the project progresses, the contractor will work to get bids for all portions of the construction.

Time Frame of Project: We must have 80% of the total cost of the project to proceed any further. When we can determine we have received all pledges the committee will look at where we are financially and if we can continue with project as is, go back to parish and raise more funds, or begin scaling back the project to fit pledged amount. The committee has not set any firm deadlines but will start asking for pledges by a specific date.

Credit/Debit Card Payments: Online giving which can be accessed on the church website (www.hrclarksville.org) will allow individuals to give monthly or pledge and use credit/debit or electronic check. Father William will research other possibilities to process electronic payments.

Other Information:

Currently we have approximately \$82,000 in the building fund with \$70,000 in the diocesan account and \$12,000 in the local account. The local account includes the monies raised from the Cinco de Mayo and May Celebration that the Hispanic Community sponsored in May. The Hispanics have also planned a car wash and will be selling dinners as a fund raiser for the building.

Christian Mothers and the Hispanic women use the kitchen most of the time. The ladies from Christian Mothers asked that these two groups be consulted with final decisions about kitchen. It was suggested the Christian Mothers prepare a list of specifications for the space and attend the next Building Committee meeting on June 22.

Follow up with Hispanic Community will take place the following 2 Sundays. Father William will add information to bulletin regarding the envelope system (most Hispanic families are not currently using envelopes). Also the questions and topics that were discussed during the English meeting will be shared after the Hispanic Mass on Sunday, June 29.