

Building Update

I would like to thank all of you who have returned your needs and feasibility forms. For those of you, who have not done so, please return them as soon as possible.

These forms are necessary in prioritizing the building project. Each of us has an important opinion as to what should be accomplished first or even included in the project. The build committee will evaluate all the forms to take into account all your comments.

The fundraising committee has numerous fundraisers going on at the present time and will continue to come up with new and inventive ways to raise money. At present they are raising monies through the bottle return program, Jewelry box raffle, and cash for gold program. Ask anyone wearing the fundraising button for more information. Many more programs, such as gift cards, dinners, breakfasts, etc will be coming out in the months ahead. Our goal is to come up with ideas to reach the community and not just the members of Saint John's.

If you have any proven fundraising idea please forward them to the committee through St. John's church office or join us at a meeting. The next fundraising meeting will be held on Oct. 27, 2009 at 8:00pm.

The Vision committee is meeting on Oct. 27, 2009 at 6:30pm where we will start evaluating the questionnaires returned.

The Finance committee has been interviewing several campaign companies. Their findings will be presented in a congregational meeting. The date for this meeting has not been set. All will have ample notification according to St. John's constitution as to the time and date of this meeting.

The Build committee has been working on numerous rough plans, taking into account all your thoughts to date. Presentation drawings are being worked on to better visualize the ideas. Town hall meetings will be set up starting in November and a question and answer table will be set up twice a month from here on out to discuss the various options. Portfolios have been requested from the area's top developers. As soon as the portfolios are received and reviewed, we set up a date to bring them in for interviews. Once we receive your thoughts as to the plan layout, we will work we a developer to get a better quote on the costs of the project.

Every attempt will be taken to reduce building costs as we go along. The new boiler in the Parish hall should show us reduced heating costs along with the boiler yet to be installed in the education building. This is scheduled to be installed in mid November. The contractor is working to get all the materials together so that shut down time is kept to a minimum.

Plans and quotes will be worked on this month for the update of the parish hall to make that more energy efficient. The plans and costs will be finalized by the beginning of December.

Parking has been restricted from the first two handicap stops closest to the entrance of the Parish Hall, this is due to mortar and slate which have been falling from the back of the building. A protective fence is going to be installed along the back and sides of the church.

A timeline will be set up on the hall wall of the education building to explain the building process.

I am always available at 675-8158 or 880-4732 to answer any questions you may have. I assure you this is not a one man show. Numerous committees are working very hard for all of us. These are difficult times, but as a family, not only of Saint John's, but of Jesus Christ, we must be patient and Love one another.

Through Gods Work and Our Hands,

Rick Lipka, Building Chairman