

BEAUTIFICATION MEETING 11/21

21 November 2019 / 2:00 PM

Members Present: Veronica Bruske | Fr. Guanella | Mike Bigalke | Theresa Glavin | Jessie Olson | Tom Glodowski | Don Gagas | Mark Strojny

MINUTES

1. Father opened with prayer.
2. Father Guanella was welcomed and introduced to members.
3. Beautification Committee structure was discussed.
 - a. Location

Patty had requested a meeting location change from the parish office to the church basement. After discussion it was decided to continue to hold future meetings in the parish office for several reasons – cell coverage for emergencies and conferencing, access to files & copier, ease of conducting business for the office staff, avoiding conflict with school or other activities held in the church basement. As example, school music class was being held in the church basement when we arrived for today’s meeting (students were practicing on the risers). We had to ask them to go back into the music room so that we could hold our meeting.

- b. Membership
 - i. Current Members. All members present at today’s meeting confirmed a desire to continue serving on the committee.
 - ii. New Members. Discussion of new members will be tabled until Fr. Guanella has an opportunity to become familiar with all aspects of the project to date - the process, vendors, regulations, parish needs, the “why’s” behind the proposed designs, etc.
 - c. Future Meeting Schedule

Future meetings will be held on a regular basis on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30pm

- d. Communication

Parishioners will be updated via meeting minutes published in the bulletins. A Q&A section will also be added to the bulletin to help clarify and/or answer questions or concerns related to the project.

4. The entire project process was reviewed for the benefit of Fr. Guanella and all members.
 - a. A handout outlining the project from the beginning was distributed
 - b. Father had previously reviewed the June presentation
 - i. He stressed the importance of repairing the pavement between the church and the rectory as a separate project, exclusive of the beautification project, to be completed ASAP in the spring.
 - ii. He felt strongly that the canopy drive-up should only be one lane to avoid the need to move the road and any shrines. Jessie will consult with Steve Jamroz regarding this possibility, as well as a revised phase I drawing, and report at the next meeting.
 - c. An additional canopy drive-up located at the side entrance was brought up and discussed. However, it was noted that the existing side entrance (and elevator) would remain and be available for those who choose to continue to use it. A side drive-up canopy would most likely be in the way for deliveries and large vehicles and unnecessary. There is a bigger parish need for a covered canopy at the front of the church which will provide access to a larger elevator to accommodate more people in addition to caskets. There was a concern that the elderly or disabled would need to walk the entire length of the church to be seated; however the proposed plan calls to have additional handicap seating throughout the church so that the disabled or elderly do not have to sit only the front of the church – rather they would be able to be seated with their family members in various areas of the church.
 - d. The 3 interior renderings were reviewed and discussed.
5. Moving forward
 - a. A project timeline will be established
 - b. Another parish presentation will be scheduled which will explain project details which were not presented during the June presentation due to lack of time and the need to share convent information
 - c. Small group sessions will be scheduled to allow all parishioners an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the project.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10th @ 4:00pm in the parish office.
7. Meeting ended with a closing prayer.