

June 16, 2011 – Building Committee Bulletin Announcement

PARISH TO HIRE ARCHITECT FIRM

On March 7th Bishop Finn agreed that our vast ministries are in need of improved facilities and authorized Father Jim to employ an architect to develop a long range master plan for our site and our facilities. A long-range master planning process engages an architect firm to help explore current and future needs and possibilities such as: renovation, expansion, space configuration, better utilization, etc. The plan also helps identify priorities, cost estimates and phasing options.

The Building Committee immediately stepped into action and by March 30th had designed a Request for Qualifications and sent proposal packets to all 16 architect firms on the diocesan-approved list. Interested firms were given tours of our classrooms, offices, basement, the Upper Room and parish grounds in mid-April, and nine firms submitted their qualifications by the May 1st deadline. Members of the building committee reviewed the submissions and selected four firms to interview on June 7th and June 14th. With their extensive experience and track record, the firm of **Hollis + Miller**, who designed our new church, was the committee's overwhelming favorite.

It is anticipated that a contract will be signed by July 1. Hollis and Miller will then spend three weeks gathering information about our present facilities and current space issues and needs before broadening the process to involve our ministries, parishioners and parish staff. Information from the earlier parish survey will also be utilized. Stay tuned to the bulletin and www.stmarksparish.com for updates as the long-range planning process continues to unfold ...



WHAT REMODELING DO WE WANT?



There will be several opportunities for you to help determine what remodeling should be done to the Upper Room, basement, classrooms, offices and other functional spaces. To ensure that our parish facilities meet your family's needs, it is important that your opinions be given to our architects, the firm of Hollis + Miller.

The first two meetings for parishioners are designed to tell the architects such things as:

July 21st

- Overall goals and vision
- How our facilities at St. Mark's support our Mission

July 25th

- What you like about current facilities at St. Mark's
- What about the facilities could be improved?

These and other questions will be explored, and all parishioners are invited to attend. The architects will conduct the sessions. Your responses will guide the architects as they develop options for us to consider. Plan to attend one or both meetings on **July 21 and July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.**

RSVP's are appreciated, but not required. Please call the parish office at 816-373-2600 to RSVP.



REMODELING UPDATE



THANK YOU ...

to those who attended the July 21st and July 25th Town Hall sessions. Your insights helped provide valuable direction to the architects as they begin to work on our Master Plan design options.

To briefly recap, on July 21st, participants brainstormed potential project vision and character statements. Those themes were summarized by the architects, and finalized at the July 25th meeting session.

On July 25th, after “casting a dot” (vote) for a favorite project vision, participants reviewed the character statements and also shared 1) what they liked about the current facilities, 2) what could be improved, and 3) what St. Mark’s campus might look like in 2021. This information will provide additional design guidance.

Following are the Project Vision and Character Statements. More details will be published in a later bulletin & posted on the website, so keep reading and surfing!

PROJECT VISION

Committed to Christ, Dedicated to Service, Continually
Learning While We Build for Future Generations

PROJECT CHARACTER STATEMENTS

Open & Inviting
Flexibility
Prayer & Spirituality
Faith Formation & Education
Stewardship & Service

Future Town Hall sessions to review master plan options will be in September. Stay tuned!