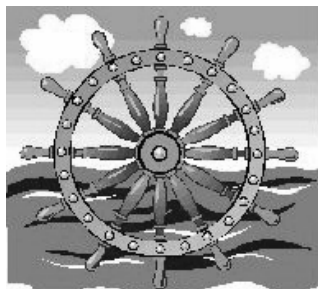


STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and hold the promise for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight.

Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us.

May the prayers of our patron Bernard help us to keep in mind the wise counsel given long ago "whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

THIS WEEK

The Steering Committee met with architect Michael Viveiros to review the proposal for professional services from Durkee, Brown, Viveiros and Werenfels (DBVW) relating to the design and construction of the new Parish Campus. Several things need to occur before the contract can be signed.

Of course one big hurdle is to get approval from the Diocese. The Diocese is going to give us a timeline of events and a list of approvals that the Parish will need as the new campus project emerges from the Master Planning Phase. There are separate Diocesan boards that we will need to go before in order to obtain the go ahead for the building project, the bond issue, and the capital campaign. Then all we need to do is go before the Town and DEM and probably a few others we don't even know about yet. Piece of cake! (*That's meant as a joke of course!*)

SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

The survey group met recently with Gary Gelo from Meitler Consultants, along with Father Dennis and certain Steering Committee members. The meeting centered on creating and agreeing on which questions would be included on the survey. The survey should be mailed out soon.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you, or someone you know, have experience in writing grants for non-profit organizations, especially Catholic organizations? With the new church construction and the potential new school, plenty of fundraising possibilities lie ahead. Maybe you know someone who knows of foundations who might be interested in such a worthwhile cause? Maybe you know someone who has experience in writing requests for these kinds of grants? There are opportunities out there. We can't let them pass us by! If you have experience in this area, or can recommend someone, please call Fr. Dennis or Jane Allen at the Parish Center at 295-0387.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

After each Mass this weekend, Steering Committee members will be available in the Parish Center to discuss the Master Plan. The architects' model will be there for you to examine, along with handouts of the details of the February 29th presentation. If you weren't able to attend the Parish Forum, or if you would like to get a closer look, stop by the Parish Center after Mass!