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RE: Campus Facility and Growth Analysis Meeting with Parishioners - FLA Project #208022.01

Fauntleroy and Latham facilitated two meetings at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Metairie on Thursday evening, April 24th and Saturday afternoon, April 26th. Attendance on Thursday evening averaged about 25-30 parishioners and about 15-20 on Saturday. It was noted up front by Msgr. Hedrick that the Parish is approximately \$440,000.00 in debt currently but has been aggressively paying down the amount and estimates that at current levels and without a new Capital Campaign, debt could be reduced to zero in three to five years.

Comments, observations, and goals stated by the parishioners were very similar at both meetings and are listed below. We did not assign a priority to these goals and observations, but simply list them for the St. A. M. Finance and Parish Councils to review and discuss. Comments on Thursday night are noted with a (T), Saturday with a (S), and both (T/S).

- **St. A. M. Parish Needs**
 - Meeting Room space
 - Meeting Room for small groups of 6-12 (T/S)
 - Meeting Room space for 25-50 (T/S)
 - Meeting Room for 100+ at least once a month (S)
 - Parish Kitchen
 - New, full-service Kitchen, separate from Gymnasium, that could be used by Parish for functions (T)
 - New and larger Covered outdoor porch outside of new Kitchen for Crawfish boils, Lenten fish-fry, etc. (T)
 - Note: Could be solved if new School Cafeteria built (T/S)
 - Large Multi-Purpose space
 - Space needed larger than the Gymnasium to use by Parish for larger functions, wedding receptions, use by Fair during inclement weather (T)
 - Note: Could be solved if new School Cafeteria built (T/S)
 - Rectory
 - Rectory needs to be separate from Parish Administration (T/S)
 - Parish Administration
 - Need more space: Offices (up to 12 needed), Conference space, Administrative assistant space, Copy and mail areas, Counseling rooms for Deacons (T/S)
 - Parish Technology

- Parish needs to keep up with technology including wireless, web pages, etc. (S)
 - Parish “Front Door” / ”Identity”
 - Parish needs a new central and defined “Front Door” for visitors and parishioners. Currently, the campus is very confusing and it lacks an “identity” (T/S)
 - Storage
 - More general parish storage needed on-site or off-site (T/S)
 - Parking
 - On-site or convenient on-street parking is needed for Parish functions/Daily Mass/Funerals/School parking and circulation. Approximately 40-80 spaces needed at a minimum. (T/S)
 - HC accessibility and convenient parking to Parish buildings (T/S)
- **St. A. M. School Needs**
 - Accessibility / Security
 - “Front Door” / “Identity” needed for school that would include HC accessibility (T/S)
 - Visitors and parents need to know “where to go” (T/S)
 - Administrators need central and controlled entrance for Security (T/S)
 - Cafeteria with Full Service Kitchen
 - New building to free up Gymnasium from all of the multiple uses and custodian set up and take down functions and house school assemblies (T/S)
 - New Kitchen that would be large enough to serve food prepared on-site (T)
 - Restrooms that would open to exterior play areas as well as cafeteria (T)
 - New Specialty Classrooms
 - Classroom space needed for Religion, Art, Music/Band, Student Clubs, with storage (T/S)
 - New Faculty Offices
 - New offices for faculty: Computer, Religion, Art, Music/Band (T/S)
 - Restrooms / Drinking Fountains
 - New restrooms for exterior play area access, including some for early childhood (T)
 - New drinking fountains for exterior play areas (T)
 - Play Areas
 - More green space with equipment (T/S)
 - Facility Upgrades
 - Upgrade wall and floor finishes to building to “update” appearance (T)
 - Technology
 - Continued upgrades with technology changes – keeping the school current with trends and peer institutions (T/S)
 - Upgrade to all “Smart Boards” in classrooms (T)
 - Upgrade Electrical service to handle all technology upgrades (T)
 - Covered Drop-off
 - Covered or Semi-covered auto and bus (only 1 bus used) drop-off for school (T)
 - Daycare/Early Childhood program for 2 year olds
 - Classrooms, toilets, offices for 2 year old program (S)
 - Faculty Lounge
 - Larger Faculty break area needed with adjoining conference space (S)

- Storage
 - More general storage needed (T/S)
- Parking
 - On-site or convenient on-street parking is needed for Parents/Visitors (T/S)
 - HC accessibility and convenient parking to School (T/S)
 - Faculty parking for 45+/- on campus and convenient (T)
- **St. A. M. Church Needs**
 - “Front Door” / Main Entrance
 - “Front Door” / “Identity” needed for Church (T/S)
 - Lobby or Gathering space incorporated into Main Entrance (T/S)
 - Covered drop-off at Main Entrance with driveway for funerals, weddings, inclement weather (T/S)
 - More restrooms for Church – all to be HC accessible and automated sensors (T)
 - Accessibility
 - All exterior doors into church to be wired for automatic push-pull pads on one leaf per pair (T/S)
 - Wheel chair accessible pew locations at different locations throughout Nave, including at front pews near Sanctuary (T)
 - Audio devices for hearing impaired (S)
 - Choir Location improvements
 - Remove Lattice screen (T)
 - Enhance finishes and visibility of choir in some manner (T/S)
 - Relocation not necessary if lattice or enhancements or both completed (T/S)
 - Tabernacle
 - Move location or make current location more prominent and reverent (T/S)
 - Cry Rooms
 - Install one or two Cry Rooms (T)
 - A/V
 - Install new sound system including microphones and possible overhead projection screens (T)
 - Pews
 - Install more comfortable pews (T)
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Install new Stations of the Cross (S)
 - Adoration Chapel
 - No need for an Adoration Chapel (T) and not brought up as goal on Saturday
 - New Church
 - No new Church needed, according to both groups, just improvements to existing (T/S)
 - Storage
 - Move storage from Baptistry to new location and go through existing and throw out outdated items (T/S)
 - Parking
 - On-site or convenient on-street parking is needed for Daily Mass and Funerals separate from School parking – about 45-80 needed (T/S)
 - HC accessibility and convenient parking to Church (T/S)
 - Driveway drop-off and Covered front porch would be ideal (T/S)