

Seven Dolors Parish Building and Grounds Committee Agenda

Date: 02/27/2025 **Time:** 4pm **Location:** Parish Basement

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

III. Building Committee Operations

- ❖ Confirmation and/or election of Committee Roles
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Ex-Officio
- ❖ Agenda and Minutes
- ❖ Communication with Parish Council and Finance Council
- ❖ Meeting Frequency

IV. Building and Grounds Maintenance Report

V. Kitchen Remodeling Update

- ❖ Update of the kitchen remodeling progress and schedule
- ❖ Communication to Parish

VI. Childcare Center

- ❖ Update on Feasibility Analysis (Dan S.)
- ❖ Discussion of Program
 - 5 classrooms, restrooms, and storage rooms
- ❖ Addressing the MCS Council of Education's (COE) concerns and questions
 - Discussion of options for the COE to fill financial gap left if preschool is taken out of their budget. Options presented at the latest COE meeting include:
 - Raise tuition approx. 10% by 2028/2029 school year (in addition to the project year-to-year increase of 3-5%)
 - Increase Seven Dolors stipend by approx. \$100,000
 - Discussion on the plans for Seven Dolors to manage the preschool and the level of school involvement and licensing
 - Discussion of involvement with the other parishes in the community
 - Discussion on the actual needs of the community/parish/school for a new preschool building separate from the school
 - Discussion on the closing of other preschools in the area
 - Current Enrollment at Preschool is about 15 per age group. 45 total enrollment
 - 12 of the oldest class have already enrolled at MCS Kindergarten

VII. Parish Center

- ❖ Discussion of Program
 - Detailed discussion on the number and size of office spaces, classrooms, and meeting rooms
- ❖ Use of Present Parish Center Building
 - Discussion of the plans for the current parish center building after the new building is complete with a focus on the Food Pantry operation
- ❖ Chapel
 - Discussion on whether the new parish center will include a chapel
 - Confirmation with other parishes in town regarding the chapel

VIII. Elevator Renovation

- ❖ Discussion on whether or not the RFQ includes plans and construction of ADA accessible elevator for access to main sanctuary, parking, and basement

IX. Upcoming Dates

Next Meeting: March 4th, 2025

Tour FUMC: _____

RFQ Submittal Deadline _____

Announce Selection of Contractors to Interview _____

Proposed Interview Date _____

Final Contractor Selection _____

X. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

3.4.2025

Present: Brayson Benne, Ulises Martinez, Craig Ronnebaum, Gloria Green, Fr Leo Blasi, David Zecha, Maria McAnerney

Opening Prayer offered by Fr Leo

Decided to table the discussion of replacement members until next meeting

Questions posed to and answered by Fr Leo about the early childhood center – Required parking spaces by code are 16, will be left out of drawings for consideration of 8th street or Pierre. The basement will be considered a storm shelter (for the community) with open spaces, other possible use would be additional play area. Classroom number can be altered up to 6 with afterschool and summer program additions – currently under the license of Seven Dolors. An elevator is a consideration but a ramp will be included for exiting the basement.

VII. Parish Center - Brayson brought forward discussion of the RFQ and referred back to the copies sent to all members. After a brief discussion it was decided that all requested items had been addressed and included in the RFQ apart from the storage garage which would be requested (Fr Leo? Or Brayson?) Full basement in lieu of crawl space is the preferred option.

Future use of parish center building – continued use for the food pantry until or if other opportunities arise to accommodate the pantry.

Chapel – original idea has been to keep the chapel however there is consideration to move it into the new parish center. Pro/Con list (attached) created with most on the committee leaning toward the idea of moving the chapel. Discussion would need to be had with the board and other parishes currently supporting the chapel.

VIII. Elevator Renovation – Requires consideration by the historical society because of the addition needed to house the elevator. Pro to including it in the next round of builds is that the contractors are already here; Con is the expense.

Other business: The committee would still like to see the possible beautification of Pierre/Juliette corridor. There is a known need for conduit installed by the city, which they are aware of. There is also a question of possible diagonal parking on Houston.

A water main also needs to be added along with a new water meter installation in the next month.

Amount of outdoor space is also a topic for consideration in the upcoming years. Arts on the Green and other events should have space nearby to continue. Adjacent properties should be considered as they may come available.

Upcoming Dates:

Visit to FUMC - March 14, 1pm

Submittal deadline for contractors - April 4

Next meeting – April 8, 4pm, Parish Center

Review submittals and choose contractors for interviews

Announcement of contractors for interview – April 9

Interviews of contractors – April 29

Follow up meeting – May 6, 4pm, Parish Center

Final Contractor Selection

Announcement of final choice of contractor – May 7

Meeting ended following date selections.

Chapel Pro/Con

Pro:

- Free up space on property
- Energy efficient
- Updated in general
- Location would be better for access
- Lighting
- Safety
- Less expensive now vs later
- Better accessibility for all

Con:

- History
- Functional
- All 3 parishes contribute
- Already built, only keep up is necessary