

Purpose: To discern the next steps for Seven Dolors and provide context for diocesan leadership

When: Friday February 6th 2:30-4:00 PM

Location: Seven Dolors Parish Basement

Attendees: Bishop Vincke, Fr Hammerschmidt, Fr Blasi, Ben Suing (Diocesan CFO), Deacon Donohoue, John Matta, (MCS Outgoing Advancement Director), Melissa Solden (MCS Incoming Advancement Director), Mike Hubka (MCS Principal), Jeff Easter (Diocesan Director of Facilities), Rhianna Nelson (Childcare Professional and ELC Project Consultant) and Carlos Palacian (Parish Formation co-director)

Seven Dolors Building Committee Members: Brayson Benne (Chair), Maria McAnerney, Ulises Martinez, Ray Buyle (Karen Buyle), Lisa Johnson, Jeremy McGuire, Rosie Rundell

ELC

A discussion was had about the recent preliminary findings from the Steier Groups financial feasibility study. While results are planned to be presented Feb 12th, the Early Learning Center Project (ELC) showed lower support. There was a discussion centered on financial sustainability, community demand, community involvement, operational responsibilities, and licensure (KDHE vs KSDE).

Suggestions were made to tour other facilities to understand how they operate and function (especially Salina's new preschool). It was also suggested to explore a wider capital campaign with Manhattan parishes and to work with the Steier Group on how the best way to approach that would be.

Key Takeaway: Ongoing collaboration with Manhattan parishes, school leadership (principal and advancement director), and the wider community is encouraged to build understanding and support while also not delaying the Early Learning Center project significantly. As requested by the Bishop, a discussion is to take place between local priests to determine interest in a collaborative effort for the ELC.

Parish Center

A summary of the work to date on the parish center was presented. The preliminary findings from the feasibility study show positive support. A discussion was had about some of the concerns that have been raised by parishioners regarding the current design and designed use.

Suggestions were made to work with the Steier Group to not pursue a capital campaign for the adoration chapel but rather identify donors that could help with the \$600,000 need.

Key Takeaway: Diocesan leadership recommended the parish pursue the Parish Center but hear the results of the Steier Group's study and respond to concerns raised by the parish.

Elevator Addition

Preliminary Findings show overwhelming support.

Key Takeaway: Go!