

DRAFT MINUTES--OLOS PAC Meeting, Jan. 7, 2024

Attendees: Dc. Mike Henry, Tommy Johnson, Shaun & Judith Owen, Heather Weathers, Janet Foster, Denise Davis, Brad Becker, Mike Burney, Barb Romano, Sharon Lee.

Dc. Mike opened with prayer.

Tommy made opening remarks, challenging all to get a Master Plan for OLOS and to reconvene in two weeks to develop Master Plan. He also commented that an extensive landscaping plan is both expensive and labor-intensive and that maybe we should consider a phase-in approach to this project.

Church Doors. Shawn presented a bid and drawings of possible styles for the interior entrance doors. He has a turnkey bid of \$2,445 that includes everything except hardware. After discussion, the consensus was to have two wooden panels for lower part of each door and tempered glass in upper part with grille attached in shape of cross. For weight purposes and to match existing doors, the doors will be pine stained to match existing doors. Shawn also explained why it would be better to have doors open to outside rather than swinging style, which would not allow for doors to open all the way back.

Tommy said he had another bid that he should have this week to compare and then make a decision.

Flooring for Church Loft and Parish Hall. Dc. Mike said he has a bid of \$21,500 to cover the floors in the church loft and the parish hall (except where the hot water heater is) with vinyl laminated planks for a uniform look in hall.

Tommy presented bid of \$18,400 (*revised go \$21,820) for repairing and refinishing floors in loft and parish hall. Bid for new oak flooring in loft is \$3,400 (*revised to \$2,975). (*After meeting, Tommy revised bids. Total \$24,795.)

Dc Mike explained that to refinish floors in hall would require completely moving everything out of hall and three weeks of down time of hall, rather than no time down for room by room vinyl planks. Heather wondered about need to spend money on floors in hall and that maybe we should concentrate on flooring for loft only for now and address floors in parish hall later. Shaun, Heather & Sharon expressed "sticker shock". Tommy commented that everything is very expensive right now and that maybe prices would go down in a few months. Dc. Mike explained that with St. Thomas, for one, in building phase that we already have weddings scheduled at OLOS and that new floors in hall would look nicer for receptions. Barb commented that the library had turned into a junk room and that no one used the library. Dc Mike replied that he was going to get it cleaned up and that Jesus is to bid on floor to ceiling book cases in the library. He said several people use those books and sometimes it is used as a classroom.

Seating. There was a brief discussion about the need for more seating. Heather commented that we are full many Sundays. Barb noted there were numerous single spaces open and that we could just put rugs & chairs in the loft. Brad added that there are very few single attendees and that average attendance is 80 people. Sharon is in contact with Adam Eichler about free pews available from a local church. He thinks he has 4 matching pews in about 13' lengths and will measure them and then be back in touch this week. Intent is to have two rows of pews in loft. *Maximum* pew space is 24' for back and 20' for front. Mike B. noted that some space on north side has slant roof which means stooping to stand in that part of loft.

Landscaping. To add to Tommy's opening remarks, Dc. Mike explained that we really need to think long-term about landscaping: it is costly; sprinkler system has to be installed, maintained and winterized; deer, moles and other animals will eat many plants, and we don't have money for extensive landscaping. It was noted that the roses donated, planted and then maintained by Barb & Tony were a good, beautiful addition to the grounds, and that the Romano's had given them continuous care until they were established. Now they still ongoing care like pruning, weeding & mulching.

Open House with Ozark Folkways. Sharon asked Dc. Mike for his approval to join with Ozark Folkways in an open house of OLOS the first or second weekend in April, 2024 (Saturday and/or Sunday) and to form a committee to develop a more detailed plan regarding OLOS' participation. The plan will be presented for Dc Mike's approval. Dc Mike said the one absolute is that there must be 100% supervision at all times for the church to be open. Janet added that there needs to be men present, not just women, for security. A committee will be formed.

Trees. Dc. Mike will have the arborist come out to check trees for disease and prune trees as needed. He also said no tree will be removed unless it is a hazard.

Add a 2nd Mass. Dc. Mike said that he would love to have a second mass, but there simply are not enough priest now.