

Task Force Meeting
4-15-2015

Facilities is the key topic.

Father Paul started meeting with a prayer.
He handed out a sheet with possible future enrollment numbers which Angel provided.

Ray Kranz, Michael Machens and Jason Himmerich of the Facilities subcommittee went through the 5 options the subcommittee came up with. Options A, B, C, D, and E.

Talked about the IC Parish center office as a possible place to make some remodels to have possible classes in. The idea was discussed but the cons outweighed the pros. Not an option at this time.

Michelle McCormick proposed an idea of creating one location which would combine our church communities to have both church community children from each parish attend CCD at one building. The idea bringing the whole Catholic community together in the city of Watertown creating a Catholic identity. This generated some very good conversation to help bridge the communication gap between IC and Holy Name. Father Paul mentioned that the different adult groups that have been formed in recent years may be a good starting point that gets people from both parishes together in a natural way, helping for that communication to happen without it really being pointed out to anyone. This could and very likely will help with a top down approach of creating a Catholic identity among parish families. The hope for the future is that this identity will help families as a whole to take on the challenge of educating our children by getting them involved in different ways. Enrolling them in Catholic school being a main choice.

The group talked about other options along with the combination of A through E from above to solve our immediate needs for classroom space as well as future growth possibilities. What is the philosophy for our Catholic School going forward? What is or possibly should be our identity as a school and as a Catholic Community? What are we wanting to recommend as a task force?

Everyone had an opportunity to express their opinion on the option they liked best.

At this time moving forward, the 3 priests will be meeting and discussing these options to bring back to our May meeting. Leaving the meeting, the option of moving our preschool and possibly an option of half day kindergarten up to the Holy Name School site for a year or two seemed to be the consensus of the group the priests will discuss. This would give the school immediate classroom space and give our parishes more time to consider if we need to consider some of the other options proposed. Some of those options being adding on to current facilities, moving more students to the Holy Name site, or capping our enrollment.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 6 @ 8:00.