

**MINUTE OF MEETING AT HOLY MARTYRS OF VIETNAM CHURCH
FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2005 at 10:30 AM**

In attendance:

1. Church Representatives: Fr. Vuong Nguyen, Pastor; Fr. Minh Doan, Vicar; Thu Bui, Chairman of Parish Council; Chinh Do, Councilman in charge of construction; Ngoc Le, Chairperson, Finance Committee.

2. Diocese of Arlington: William Kirst, CFO; Kenneth Brooks, Diocesan Facilities Director; James Robinson, Acting Director of the Diocesan Construction Dept; Moon Kim, Construction Department.

After an opening prayer the following items were presented and discussed:

Facility needs:

Holy Martyrs of Vietnam has 1700 registered families and 7,500 parishioners plus many more non-registered families. The church can seat 750 people with many more watching TV in the lobby and in the basement on special holidays. It has five Sunday masses with the children mass on Saturday evening. Parents must bring their children to this mass. With 500 CCD students there is not much room left for them inside the church.

There are 12 classrooms in the Education Building for CCD and Vietnamese Language classes. Some classes had to take place in the basement of the church which is noisy because there is no divider.

There is the need for more offices for the religious director, Language School principal, youth director and other organizations...

Restrictions:

Holy Martyrs is located in a residential area. County zoning ordinance requires so much distances from the neighboring properties and the street. It also limits the number of cars entering and leaving the parking lots at any time.

Need to purchase neighboring properties:

Mr. Jose Miranda wanted to sell his house at 923 Wakefield Street for \$650,000.00. The diocese allowed to pay \$500,000.00. We should continue to negotiate the price to acquire this property.

The owner of the house at the corner of 9th Street and Wakefield Street is not ready to move out and sell it.

Once these two properties could be added to the church, we may have more possibilities to expand rooms and parking spaces.

Development Analysis:

We need to study the feasibility of the following scenarios:

1. Consolidate the house at 901 S. Wakefield Street that was recently returned to the church by Mr. Phan Phi, the janitor, as church property. Destroy it along with the old chapel connected to the Education Building, and build a three story building with the basement as parking garage, second story: classrooms and offices, third story: multi-purpose room.
2. Expand the Education Building on the south side of the old chapel, using the existing piece of grass land (lawn).
3. Move all offices from the church to 901 S. Wakefield Street, and expand the church toward the existing lobby, and the bell tower. This plan may add 300 seats to the church. This would require cutting the church wall to allow people to see the altar from outside. This plan will also be integrated with other repairs of the church building such as fixing the leaks on the roof.
4. Purchase the two neighboring properties and design a new plan for the whole church.

The meeting ended at 11:45 AM. Diocesan staff was taken through a tour of the facilities.

Thu Bui, Recorder