

Town Hall Meeting Comments Summary

At all of the town hall meetings, attendees were asked to complete a comment sheet which solicited responses to the following statements:

- 1) I can support the proposal because:
- 2) I have reservations about the proposal because:
- 3) Other comments, suggestions, concerns:
- 4) I am willing to volunteer to help with:

We received a total of 71 written comments from the town hall meetings. We have also received a few letters from parishioners voicing their concerns. Below is a summary of responses collected from the town hall meeting comment sheets.

1) I can support the proposal because:

Of those responding to this question,
90% responded favorably
6% responded negatively
4% responded undecided

General Support for the Proposal

Comments expressing support for the proposal ranged from “Yes” without comment to “Yes, I support this proposal 110%”.

Top Reasons for Support of the Proposal

- ✚ Needed for our future
- ✚ Renovation is long overdue
- ✚ Increased seating Capacity
- ✚ Desire for a beautiful Church
- ✚ Will attract younger families/more parishioners
- ✚ Improve worship experience
- ✚ Brighten interior with natural light
- ✚ Improved main entrance

Top Reasons for those who do not support the proposal

- ✚ I feel it makes no difference how we feel, it's going to go through whether we like it or not.
- ✚ There is only an additional 50 person seating; why make a major change for such a small improvement; this is a huge expenditure.

- ✚ It doesn't seem to be needed at the present time when the increase will be little in numbers per cost.

2) I have reservations about the proposal because:

- ✚ Cost
- ✚ Location of Blessed Sacrament
- ✚ We don't want the Blessed Mother and Blessed Sacrament out of the main body of the church. Perhaps the side so we are facing Christ at all times.
- ✚ I understand the Canonical law the GIRM, and the like, but what about the desires of the community that worship here.
- ✚ The music storage room should not be larger than the space for the Tabernacle/Blessed Sacrament. The tabernacle should not be relegated to the corner. Really dislike the façade concept. Looks dated and like an animal face.
- ✚ 180 Degree Rotation of Altar
- ✚ Choir area.
- ✚ Too much space is being set aside for choir on special days when attendances of congregation attending Mass will also be high.
- ✚ Based on my thoughts regarding the wooden framework behind the Altar, I am just worried if this will be reconstructed or abolished.
- ✚ Would like to maintain some of the current features / Stained Glass
- ✚ Parishioner support.
- ✚ Considering growth and population increase north of Bremerton, is the right decision to renovate or consolidate with Star of the Sea and consider a new church in Silverdale area?

3) Other comments, suggestions, concerns focused on the following:

- ✚ Cost Concerns
- ✚ Altar location
- ✚ Blessed Sacrament Chapel size and location suggestions
- ✚ Mary & Joseph statues want to make sure we keep them in the sanctuary.
- ✚ Sacristy concerns for size and location
- ✚ Pews and seating options
- ✚ Bathrooms / Drinking Fountain in the Narthex
- ✚ Lighting and Decor
- ✚ Sunlight – glare from the windows
- ✚ Aisle way access and size
- ✚ Like Baptismal Pool.
- ✚ Cry Room possibility
- ✚ Improve Sound System

- + Social Hall / Faith Formation Wing should be lower in priority when considering cost
- + Nursery
- + More Storage for ushers
- + Sidewalks should be installed as good neighbor gesture
- + Need More Parking
- + Consider reducing the number of Masses
- + Questionable youth support of plan due to lack of there needs being met
- + Drawing improvements to include a scale marker to visualize size of changes

Building Committee Thank you

- + Thanks for the great effort and commitment to this point in time.
- + Thank you building committee for all your hard work.
- + Many thanks to the building committee and the diligent and hard work everyone has put into getting the parish to this point.
- + Thank you all for your hard work and expertise.
- + Thank you so much for your great work.
- + To the building committee – Thank you for all the work you have been doing! God bless you all!!
- + Thank you for hearing my concerns. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Building Committee Trust

- + I trust the building committee decisions and I am not sure I have enough knowledge to yet understand what concerns I might have.
- + Make it good.

4) I am willing to volunteer to help with:

- + Fund Raising
- + Anything but Fund Raising
- + Decorating
- + Prayers
- + Free labor
- + Food and Cleanup
- + Whatever I can do