

Supplemental Questions and Answers

St. John A & E Church Post Parish Hall Meeting - August 1, 2015

Parishioners who had questions regarding the campus renovation but were not able to ask the question(s) at the August 1, 2015, town hall meeting were asked to submit their questions to the Parish office by August 15, 2015. The Parish Leadership team (Pastor and Leadership Advisory Committee) submitted responses directly to the individuals submitting the questions. All of the questions have been compiled and listed here with the responses that were sent to the individual parishioners who submitted the questions.

1. *Will the SJAE Preschool control any other space other than their classrooms after the project is completed? If yes, they will control other space, what space?*

RESPONSE - We do not plan on having the Preschool or any other ministry "control" any space on property. We hope to create an environment that will make the best use of "all" spaces realizing that the preschool will need to occupy certain spaces during the school day. Use of modular spaces may afford us the ability to pull out/push back these learning spaces to "build once, use many."

2. *Will all SJAE Ministries (i.e., from Altar Servers to Women's Guild) have an opportunity to voice their requirements, regardless of the size of the ministry, current space usage, or type of ministry? If certain Ministries will NOT be given the opportunity to submit their requirements, why NOT?*

RESPONSE - Absolutely! The architect/engineer (A/E) will be conducting interviews with all aspects of the St. John Apostle & Evangelist community to determine the best design for the multi-use facility. All ministries will submit their space usage requirements via their commission/council/committee chair, who will bring them to the PPC for inclusion in the overall campus space requirements.

3. *Who & how will the new One-Community space requirements be adjudicated? For example, if YYA Ministry, a Scout Organization, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Prison Ministry all require space on Mondays, 6-8pm and there is only room three groups, who & how will the decision be made? How far in advance can a Ministry/Group book a space?*

RESPONSE - We would be looking for input from our A/E professionals to assist us with use of space etc. As more information is gathered, future meetings will be held to discuss the use and scheduling. The intent is to provide more and be "better users" of all spaces on campus. Or said differently, "Become better stewards of gifts God has handed to us!" Our goal is to have sufficient spaces on campus to accommodate multiple ministry meetings having same day, same time requirements.

4. *As a member of the Adoration Ministry, I have not seen any reference to a renovation of the chapel to make it eligible for Perpetual Adoration on any agenda or chart that has been shown or displayed at any town hall meeting. Or has it been discussed at any town hall meeting. Why has it not been on any agenda or discussed? Is the chapel on a plan to be renovated as part of the construction projects? Can the Adoration Ministry count on the renovation of the chapel to be eligible for Perpetual Adoration and if so what time frame is it to be renovated? It has been mentioned in the 5 year plan for the church therefore it seems it should be discussed at the town hall meetings as others items are.*

RESPONSE - The question regarding the 24-hour adoration chapel was raised by one of the parishioners in attendance at the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. The answer is that, yes, the 24-hour adoration chapel will be one of the items under consideration by the A/E in completing the 5% and 10% documents for SJAE clergy, leadership team and parishioner review.

5. *Is it true that the new structure was announced as primarily a Preschool?*

RESPONSE - The structure being announced as primarily a preschool is a misconception. No spaces have been allocated and will not be allocated until the A/E has finished interviewing all of the stake holders (that is the ministries and users) of the SJAE campus.

6. *What were the survey questions that you fielded out?*

RESPONSE - The Preschool and Religious Education ministries, the largest users of the campus were the subject of a survey, the questions compiled by the Hawaii Catholic School Office (HCSO). All survey questions and responses will be made available for viewing at the Rectory office.

7. *In the planning of the multi-purpose hall was it already assumed that the Preschool will be the primary occupant?*

RESPONSE - There have been no assumptions made to this point. We recognize that should the final plans include a Preschool, that the Preschool will be one of the SJAE ministries that use campus facilities on almost a daily basis. No plans have been put in place regarding space requirements or usage of the space since the A/E has not yet begun to interview the individual ministries/users of the campus.

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8. *Why wasn't the whole parish included in the survey instead of just the Preschool and Religious Ed?*

RESPONSE - The focus of the parish is now and will continue to be evangelization in the 96789 zip code neighborhood. There was a need to know the effectiveness of our two largest groups on campus, that is, how effectively do they evangelize today and what are their plans to continue to increase their efforts to evangelize in the future. Thus the Leadership Advisory Committee (LAC) contacted the HCSO for input on the survey which reached out to the direct stake holders of each program. The surveys which were filled out and returned were reviewed and the results presented to the parishioners who attended the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. The survey was geared to the value and effectiveness of the education product being delivered by the two programs. Sending this survey to every parishioner would not have been meaningful or appropriate.

9. *Under current conditions the space allotments were insufficient for the preschool. Do you plan to incorporate those extra requirements as requested by the preschool?*

- a. New break room for teachers and staff
- b. New locker room for teachers and staff
- c. New conference room for teachers, staff and parents
- d. Administrator room for director and bookkeeper/secretary
- e. Additional playground (due to new structure encroaching on playground)

RESPONSE - The A/E firm will interview Preschool personnel and will consult with the HCSO officials as well as NAYEC to determine what the "requirements" are to ensure that the Preschool operates effectively and in accordance to guidelines set by the State of Hawaii as well as the guidelines of the HCSO. Overall needs versus "wants" will have to be sorted out based on priority and cost. The A/E firm will only make recommendations. Final decisions will be made by Parish leadership after discussion with parishioners at future town hall meetings.

10. *Will the weekly conversion of the Preschool to parish hall/classrooms be easier than it is now?*

RESPONSE - This would be the intended outcome of the design. We want all spaces to be made available for all parishioners/ministries to use for our parish activities as well as for evangelization programs and efforts.

11. *Can the parishioners get a say in what you have planned before you enlist an architect/engineer to make feasibility studies?*

RESPONSE - Plans, to date, were presented at the August 1, 2014 town hall meeting where more than 95% of those in attendance approved moving forward with hiring an A/E to work on the 5% and 10% A/E plans. Parishioners will be presented with the 10% plan and will be offered a chance to comment on the plan as well as vote on moving forward or abandoning the plan.

12. *Are you aware that getting a grant may include adopting the benefactor's philosophies/mission agendas currently or in the future?*

RESPONSE - We will be guided by a seasoned fund-raising professional who understands and works with donors who have the capacity and history for supporting large projects such as ours. We will not sacrifice our Catholic values or teaching in exchange for grants and donations.

13. *Why are we renovating the rectory?*

RESPONSE - The renovation of the rectory was voted upon at the first town hall meeting on December 13, 2014. It is anticipated that the renovation will be minimal since the necessary spaces to house the administrative staff will probably be included in the existing parish center or the new multi-purpose building. The A/E firm will review all spaces on campus and meet with staff as well as ministries and will make recommendations to the LAC and thus to all of the parishioners.

14. *Have the concerns of the previous town-hall meeting (Dec 2014) been considered? Specifically "Do we need or can we afford to have a preschool?"*

RESPONSE - Yes, that was the purpose of the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. Corporate funders/donors have a propensity to fund schools and community centers. Having a new Preschool in our campus plans could possibly mean up to 50% or more of the total campus renovation cost being funded by one or more of these corporate funders/donors. Not having a Preschool in the campus renovation plans suggests that up to 100% of the campus renovation costs will be funded by parishioners. This information was presented to the August 1, 2015 town hall attendees, who then voted (more than 95%) to support the effort going forward.