

CHURCH OF ST THOMAS MORE
Interior Design Team Meeting
The Font and Ambo
November 6, 2012

Present: Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor; Charlene Buhlert, Lorraine Doering, Ann Eriksson, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Brian Leahey, Sondra Parks, Kathleen Quinn, Chris Smith

Absent, Excused: Kathy Arciero, Mary Castle, Diana Diaz, Mario Diaz, Douglas Lynn

Guests: Robert Habiger, Stephen Hirt in a “Go to Meeting” televised conference call

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 PM

- **Presentation from Robert Habiger and Stephen Hirt**

The Font

Utilizing the “Go to Meeting” format, they showed us pictures of the proposed font with its movable lid. This design shows two sets of steps leading into the “pool” with a hinged movable cover to be made of bronze. In discussion, we decided that one set of steps would be sufficient. Water will not run over the cover. There will be a gap between the bottom of the cover and the floor. The pool will be eight feet in diameter and 28 inches deep. Brian Leahey discussed details of the construction with Robert Habiger.

The Ambo

We viewed pictures of the proposed ambo. A post on which the book stand will be placed is to be movable up and down to accommodate readers in wheelchairs. The Book of Gospels can be placed on the surface facing the congregation. No microphone will be installed; instead readers will wear individual microphones.

Robert Habiger recommends that the altar be moved back about three feet. This will create a more adequate space between the ambo and the altar. He assured us that there will be sufficient room for all the Eucharistic Ministers behind and around the altar. He also recommends that the ambo be designed to accommodate the Paschal Candle. Would this not require a permanent stand by the baptismal font as well? The candle would be carried from the ambo to the font when necessary. Further discussion and thought is required on this issue.

We asked if the ambo would accommodate three readers. We were told that it will. We asked if the angle/the tilt of the ambo will be movable to accommodate readers who wear glasses or to alter reflected light. We were told this is possible.

- **More Information to be Available**

Robert Habiger will send his comments and drawings to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Quinn