

Congregational Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2010  
Minutes taken by Kathy Bucklein, Assistant Minister of Parish Life.

Beverly Houston absent.

Jacque Wadzeck, Council President, opened the meeting at 11:30am.  
Pastor Mary opened with prayer.

A confirmation of the quorum was reached and announced by Kathy Bucklein:  
45 confirmed members were needed, 120 members signed in and in attendance.  
Ballots were distributed to confirmed members as they signed in.

11:35 Jacque introduced Rick Reidhead to read the resolution.

11:40 Jacque asked for a motion. Dave Lilly moved to accept the resolution.  
Noel Fletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Jacque acknowledged the motion to accept the resolution and opened the meeting to questions and/or comments. Members were asked to state their name prior to asking a question and/or making a comment.

1. Lloyd Benson asked if the construction will have an affect on the stained glass window. Peter Bourgois (PB) responded NO after introducing himself. PB continued by explaining the Columbarium history and has been in process for the past 5 ½ years. Anonymous gift to AELC is \$250,000.
2. Dee Isham asked about the water feature – what kind of water will be employed and who will pay the utilities? PB answered that it will be tap (fresh, clean) water, not “recycled”, and will be recirculated within the fountain.
3. PB commented that the due diligence is anticipated to be by the end of August. Construction lead-time dictates thereafter. Cost for a single niche should be no more than \$2,000 for a single niche; \$2,500 for a double.
4. Sandy Williams (SW) added that memorial plaques can be purchased for the Memorial Wall for \$500. These are available for purchase in memory of a person interred elsewhere.
5. Eric Bucklein asked what is the total population possible? PB answered 250+, possibly as many as 300-400 niches.
6. Brant Smith asked if construction/sub-contractor/general contractor has been bidded for pricing? How this is worked out? PB replied that the plan is to keep the construction/contractor local, hopefully employ a GC from the church.
7. Andrew Latulippe asked about rules? PB replied that AELC is not trying to be exclusive to the niches but want to keep to the church family initially – need to establish an oversight committee, maybe open up the sale of niches to outside public.
8. Pearl Lasher commented that if AELC grows and expands, isn't this a permanent installation? What happens if AELC moves locations? PB replied that the Chapel is probably permanent. Niches, arranged in groupings of 48, can be moved. Masonry is probably permanent. Engineered in such a way that niches can be moved.

9. Eileen Klein asked about maintenance of site? PB replied that the resolution says that the sale of niches would pay for ongoing maintenance. Big ticket items, i.e. fountain pump, will require perpetual maintenance. A fund is built in to pay for big-ticket items.
10. Norma Worthly asked where did the Crossroads Chapel name originate? PB explained the concept of the plan – 3 types of pathways to the chapel –
  - a. flat pathway, easy, easier to navigate
  - b. Not quite as smooth a pathway
  - c. Rough, steep roadThis is a metaphor for one's journey to the Cross.
11. Bill White commented that this is a wonderful contribution to AELC. Will perpetual care impact the General Fund? PB replied that utilization of excess fund, additional income could be \$800,000. SW \$50,000 perpetual dollars to maintain objective if Columbarium is self-sustaining. Price for niches is based on market research at \$2,000-\$3,000. It's a good value for members and others to purchase. Sales of niches not to be used for shortfall in General fund.
12. Pastor Don MacMillan commented that maintenance is an important issue. Important is the State of AZ and legalities to be within the law. SW replied that use of funds will NOT go to fund the general fund shortfalls; dollars will be used towards perpetual maintenance fund and permitting/licensing requirements. Excess funds are to support mission to bring people to Christ but don't know how to grow the body of Christ pursuant to how fast dollars will come in. There is no legal council yet. When gift was offered – council wanted the congregation to answer whether to accept/use gift for this purpose first.
13. Roger Brammer – Intent is to establish an endowment fund. What is the current endowment fund earning? Restricted \$\$ to be used/earnings for maintenance? PB replied he is not sure what fund is earning. Good Samaritan Hospice has maintenance landscape; estimated for AELC at \$100/month for routine maintenance or \$1,200/annual. Money that comes in will be set aside for maintenance.
14. Jim Klein commented that this is a wonderful project. This will be a sacred space and not used as a playground. Any oversight so area won't be misused? PB replied that the area is worthy of respect – gate not wanted to be permanent – want people to use it, families too. Suggestion from youth is for area to be used as outdoor classroom – sacred and respectful. Fence present, gates are to suggest it's sacred.
15. Noel Fletcher commented that Crossroads concept is appropriate to remember the area will be used for baptisms, funerals and will be wheelchair accessible, ADA compliant.
16. Bill White asked who will niches be sold to? The niches are understood to be open to sale to general public. What if all niches are sold out? What is the hurry to sell out? SW replied that initial sales of niches are to (AELC) family members, and memorial plaques for the first 6 months. Sales may not be communicated to community. Plan is to utilize this as outreach. May need to reconsider time frame to sell outside AELC.

17. Connie Ellis asked what do other churches do? PB commented that the committee made calls but lots depends on size of columbarium.
18. Carolyn Ellsworth commented that 10-15-25 years down the road, what happens when there are no more spaces? How much room? PB other spaces may be available in the future, maybe along the 3 roads, plans to anticipate expansion.
19. Rich Longfield – expansion capabilities for short-term thinkers.

12:16 Dave Lilly called for the ballot.

Jacque instructed members to use their ballot to vote – circle your vote as YES if you accept the resolution, NO rejects.

Jacque called for final collection of ballots.

Jacque ordered the ballots to be counted.

Jacque thanked the member for questions. This opportunity presents us to grow the gift and to start construction. As \$\$ continue to come in, it's to be placed in an endowment fund to grow the gift, not be finite. Grow this mission as God calls us.

Ballots were tallied and announced: NO = 5, YES = 113. The vote accepts the gift. Due diligence is next.

12:24PM - A motion is made to adjourn the meeting. The motion is 2nd.

Meeting is adjourned.