



St Joseph Parish Palmyra  
Town Hall meeting #1  
September 8, 2020

**Father Matt Flatley opened the meeting with a prayer and the following remarks.**

- \*There is a problem in the church vestibule with the intrusion of water Dale Gervais, David Hastings and others have cleaned the vestibule multiple times after a rainstorm.
- \*Our Building and Grounds Committee brought forward a recommendation for replacing the church doors and adding a canopy.
- \*Father has heard from parishioners who are not in favor of the canopy addition Therefore, Father invites parishioners to voice their opinions and become a part of the decision made to solve this problem.
- \*Joe Jones gave a history of the water intrusion problem including the following: Rainwater has been coming into the vestibule under the doors not down the wall.
- \*Previously the water ran down the foundation and rotted the wood. When the wooden floor and supports were replaced and sealed the water began to intrude and puddle on the floor.
- \*The purpose of the canopy was to prevent water from pooling on the top step and to protect the integrity of the replacement doors. No company will guarantee that replacement doors will not leak.
- \*The front church steps are not ADA compliant and are currently "grandfathered" into the regulations. However, any alteration to the steps for example to add a drain, would require the steps to be replaced to ADA specifications.
- \*The current church doors are from 1998 and have been maintained by John Buckman and Larry Huber.

**A group discussion followed on these topics.**

- \*The inherent problem of a west facing entrance. Deacon Luke shared pictures of Marceline's Catholic church entrance which also faces west however, the pictures may give us some ideas.
- \*Adding a drain inside the door which would allow a sump pump to remove the water from the foundation.
- \*Placing a clear pane of glass in the door to visualize who is coming up the steps and children crossing the street.
- \*An informal non-binding poll of the parishioner's present yielded 20 for adding a canopy and 18 against.
- \*The majority did vote to replace the front doors as an initial step.

Suspecting our Building and Grounds Committee are experiencing project fatigue from the research and work already completed. Father Matt asked for volunteers to be a "fresh set of eyes" to research door options with the Building and Grounds Committee. These options will be brought before the parish at Town Hall meeting #2 on October 20th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be livestreamed if possible.

The door committee members are as follows: Jerry Trower, Harla Friesz, Craig Illa, Pam Hess, and Randy Dodd.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Father Flatley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Hudson  
Parish Council President