

**OCTOBER 3, 2013 – TOWN HALL MEETING
QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS**

1. Accessibility is a concern – not easy to get at – restroom accessibility – doors do not open automatically – sanctuary is not handicapped accessible.
2. Do we plan on keeping the church and school?
3. School – teach about God; key – teachers – commitment
4. If and when we build church and school, what happens to present facilities?
5. If we build a new facility will we get input from various groups (i.e. musicians, janitors, liturgical ministers, etc.) as to why we would or would not do things a certain way?
6. We are a parish, a church, not a democracy. Consensus is critical to all of us.
7. 3.5 million seems a little steep. (10-15 year facilities study)
8. How much income could we expect from the sale of the property?
9. Unifying the community is the goal – a new church would be good but we have to be fiscally responsible. A new building has to be a benefit.
10. Biggest problem will be to convince the “traditional” people that we need one facility. Their ancestors built the present buildings, worshipped there, received sacraments there.
11. Correction to the McMahon study – tuck point would be \$40,000-\$70,000 not \$170,000;
12. Parking could be doubled; 38 feet from altar vs. 40 feet from altar – Prince of Peace; countless opportunities at St. Paul
13. If we sell all sites where does the money go?
14. Lot of donations – time; Programs – social concerns group needed; need to motivate people in interim.
15. What are milestones and timeline for this project?
16. If all three close, what amount of parishioners will we lose and what will the costs be to others?
17. Memories – maintaining history (Door County example).
18. Is the push to consolidate due to fewer priest availability?
19. Is there equal time given to remodeling verses building new?
20. Do we have any sites in mind?
21. There is enough room at St. Paul’s to do what we want to do.
22. Families value Catholic education – how many families might be lost?
23. Wrightstown church seats 580 not 517.
24. Where is new housing going up – have we considered that?
25. Will lose 15-20% of parishioners when new church is built based on Diocesan statistics.
26. Wrightstown should add on various items, car port, gathering space, room for weddings, funerals, parish offices, etc. – would be less money than building new.
27. Member of St. Mary’s for 40 years – thinks St. Paul’s is the way to go.
28. How are you going to answer the questions and when?
29. How much does the Diocese decide?
30. On average, what is the Mass attendance at all three churches on a weekend?
31. Consider the fact that only 1/3 of people come to church on Sunday.
32. Does the Diocese help financially?
33. We will lose people no matter what we do.
34. We need to get the community involved – dream more things together – make it a more solid social aspect – space.
35. How can we change and bring more people to church?
36. Average attendance per weekend – 848 – could stay with one location – just add an extra Mass.