

Parish School Building Update #6

Thank you for everyone who came to the Parish Community Meeting this past weekend. I thought there were good questions and discussion about our journey forward. As was mentioned we have the opportunity to meet with the President and CEO of Mid-America this week and look forward to showing her the building as well as maybe taking a peek at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC). Thank you to our facilities team, they have done an incredible job preparing the building for this important visit.

As we move forward with any potential partner, I am certain that there will be compromises to be made and priorities to be set for the Parish. The more space we lease, the higher the expected income. But that may mean less meeting rooms or space for ECEC or perhaps less flexibility in our scheduling of meetings or sporting events. Conversely, if we try to cover every possible contingency in terms of future needs, we will certainly be reducing our income opportunity while potentially leaving space idle a high percentage of the time.

Your evaluation team will be performing its' best juggling act to evaluate the different possibilities and potential scenarios to develop the best partnership for the Parish. As always, we will do everything we can to continuously communicate updates to the Parish through the weekly bulletin, the Parish website, and as always, the quarterly Parish Community Meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org.

John Kelley, Parish Council - Chair