

10/23/2019

The Most Reverend James P. Powers  
Diocese of Superior  
PO Box 969  
Superior, WI 54880

RE: Permission to hire Lien & Peterson Architects

Dear Bishop Powers:

Pursuant to a letter in the affirmative from Dan Blank, Director of Administrative Services dated February 20, 2019 the Building Committee for St. Anthony Abbot in Cumberland has continued its work and has selected Lien & Peterson Architects, Inc. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin to assist them in the initial design phase of our new church building. The proposed fee for Lien & Peterson to provide design, engineering and surveying services for phase one of the project is \$24,000.00.

On June 26, 2019 the building committee issued a Request for Proposal to five architectural firms. Lien & Peterson Architects, River Valley Architects, and SDS Architects, all of Eau Claire, WI along with Busch Architects of Minneapolis, MN and Northwest Builders of Rice Lake, WI. Northwest Builders offers design/build services. The deadline for proposals was August 29, 2019. Three firms responded to our Request for Proposal; Lien & Peterson, Busch Architects and Northwest Builders. Due to the varying price points and descriptions of services provided in the Request for Proposal responses the committee decided to interview all three providers to seek clarification of cost and services provided. Those interviews were conducted on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Following the interviews it was unanimously concluded that Lien & Peterson offered a design approach that based suits our needs. The committee feels very comfortable and confident that this is the best choice moving forward.

On Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 I polled each member of the St. Anthony Finance Committee by phone and unanimous support was given to proceed with the hiring of Lien & Peterson Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000.00 for phase one services related to assessing and creating a preliminary design for a new church building for St. Anthony Abbot. A subsequent polling of the St. Anthony Pastoral Council yielded the same result.



At this time we are respectfully requesting permission to move forward with the hiring of Lien & Peterson Architects, Inc. to assist us in assessing our needs and to provide us with a preliminary design and estimated cost for the construction of a new church building for St. Anthony Abbot in Cumberland with the fee for services not to exceed \$24,000.00. Funding for the architectural work will be drawn from our Mission Fund Investments account which currently has a balance of \$625,478.78.

Upon completion of the preliminary design all resulting diagrams and information will be forwarded to you for approval. It may be necessary to consult with you personally during the initial design process to request your opinion or approval of certain design aspects. We look forward to communicating with you in all matters.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions. We would greatly appreciate your support for this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dcn. Steven G. Linton". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "S" and "L".

Dcn. Steven G. Linton, Parish Life Coordinator  
St. Anthony, St. Ann & Sacred Heart Parish Community

cc: Rev. John R. Gerritts, Vicar Forane - Supervising Pastor