

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, EMMAUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12886

Bell Memorial Project – Survey Results

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- ▶ In mid December 2023, a survey to assess several key factors in the design and execution of the Bell Memorial Project
- ▶ Three questions and a free-form entry box were created through the council website and bulletin advertisements were issued to invoke participation
- ▶ To help increase survey response, a paper version of the survey was created and posted in the church
- ▶ While the surveys were almost identical, the paper survey asked respondents to rank their preferences whereas the online survey did not
- ▶ The results presented herein are as of the end of March 2024

SURVEY PROCESS

Church Bell Memorial Survey 1

Please help lend your voice in the progression of this amazing project to bring back a valuable piece of our parish's history.

What is a key factor to be considered for the Bell Memorial? *

- Number of bells displayed
- The design of the display
- Having them ring

Where should the bell memorial be located? *

- Outside the church near the statue of Jesus
- Outside the church near the rectory
- Inside the church

How would you consider supporting the Memorial Bell project? *

- Monetary donation
- Volunteering
- Monetary donation and volunteering
- I would not support the project

Please share any additional thoughts in the space below:

Your answer

Please include your email address: *

Your email



SURVEY QUESTIONS

- ▶ 37 online surveys and 34 paper surveys were received
- ▶ The paper survey results were tabulated with consideration to ranking i.e. How many respondents ranked each possible answer as first preference, second preference, etc ...
- ▶ Since the online survey didn't include ranking, each response was considered as a first preference
- ▶ Respondent comments were simply listed
- ▶ The email addresses of respondents that volunteered to help were also listed

TABULATION PROCESS

Key Factor to be considered in the Bell Memorial	Sum of First Preference (Hardcopy rated 1st + online response)
Design of the display	15
Have the bells ring	77
Number of Bells displayed	10
Number of Bells displayed & Have bells ring	19
Grand Total	121

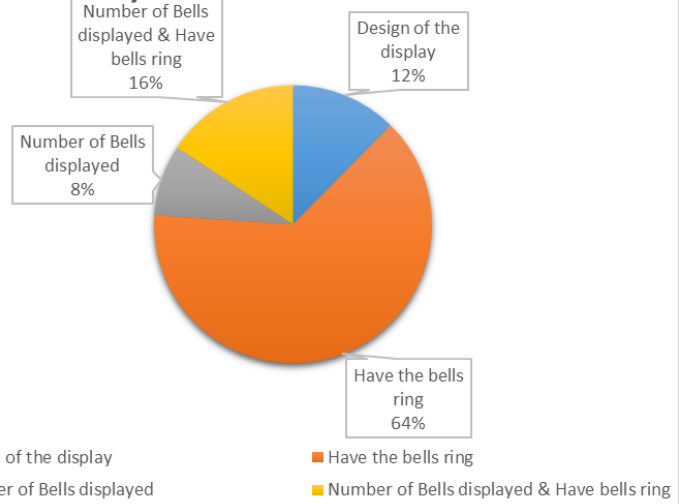
Where should the Memorial Bell be located	Sum of First Preference (Hardcopy rated 1st + online response)
Inside the church	13
Outside near the Rectory	5
Outside near the Statue of Jesus	41
Grand Total	59

How would you consider supporting the Memorial Bell Project	Sum of First Preference (Hardcopy rated 1st + online response)
Monetary & volunteering	25
Monetary donation	35
Volunteering	8
Would not support the project	1
Grand Total	69

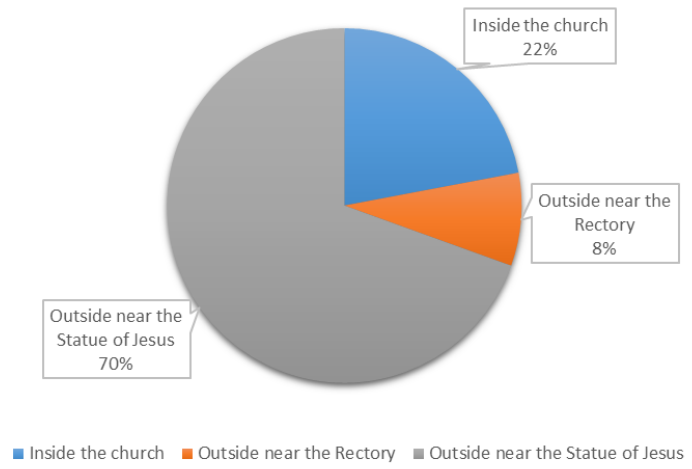
28 respondents volunteered to assist

SURVEY RESULTS – TABULATED DATA

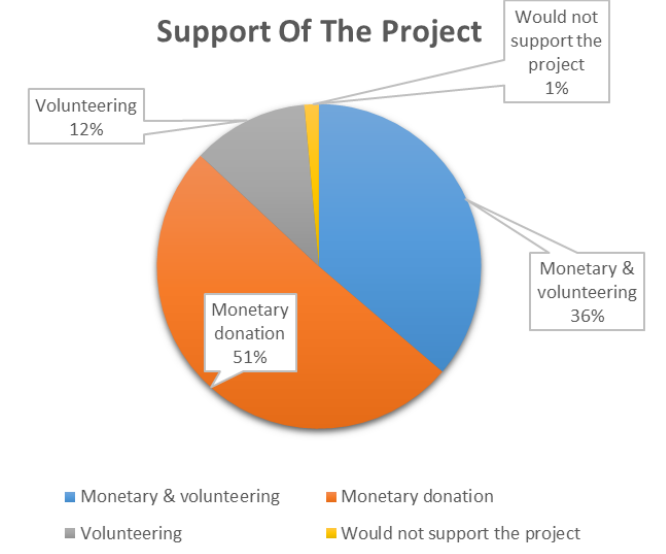
Key Factor To Be Considered



Location Of The Display



Support Of The Project



SURVEY RESULTS - GRAPHED

- ▶ Bell Tower w ringing bells
- ▶ Put in cemetery and incorporate it in the building of a columbarium to provide future resting place for cremation urns
- ▶ Make smaller version of original bell tower to place the bells. Have glass surrounding Bells to protect them from corrosion and vandalism
- ▶ IF placed outside of the church place as close as possible to the original location
- ▶ Do a 50-50 Raffle Have the bells ring at Noon & Funerals
- ▶ Display the history of St Ann's church
- ▶ Bell tower with the bells ringing for church anniversary in 2028
- ▶ These bells are an important part of the history of our church. It should never be forgotten how the church was built by its parishioners. My grandfather helped build the old church. Growing up the bells rang daily we lived closed and we heard them. It is a great memory for me. 600PM ring meant it was time to come inside of the house

COMMENTS

- ▶ Can we consider the memorial with the 3 bells in working condition
- ▶ We should consider the full use of the 3 bells
- ▶ I think that just showing one bell sends the message that we are looking back at the good old days. Building a working bell tower sends the message that we are continuing to improve St. Ann's Parish. It would be good to have it done by the bell's 100th anniversary. It would also be good to be able to say that no KofC or parish funds were used. That would avoid the concern that we are using money that should go to the poor, etc.
- ▶ Thanks for doing this!
- ▶ Would be nice to hear the bells as they were intended.
- ▶ It would be nice to hear bells ring announcing mass about to begin
- ▶ I think it's wonderful that you are trying to preserve the history of St Ann's. I grew up going to the original church and like the nostalgia
- ▶ The design is the most important element. Build a schedule to ring the bells (Daily, Weekly, Holidays). I would be very interested in helping to make this project a reality!!

COMMENTS

- ▶ Even though I marked "Design of the display" as the key factor, I do believe having them ring would be added bonus.
- ▶ Just delighted to know the bell (bells) will be ringing! Thank you for all your work.
- ▶ This is a wonderful piece of our St. Ann history, and it is a fitting tribute that the bells were restored!
- ▶ I think the bells should be displayed outside on the sidewalk between the Main entrance and side door on the lower parking lot. That way people can see them close up and examine the details on them.
- ▶ First question is hard to answer. If they are in a tall bell tower where you really don't see the bells all that well, maybe we only need 1 bell. If in an on the ground display, I would like to see all the bells. If in a bell tower, I would like to hear bells...could be the old bell(s) or electronic bells. If in an on ground display, no need to hear the bells.
- ▶ Is the bell really going to be used? What and when will be the appropriate bell ringing times?

COMMENTS