

Facilities Committee Meeting

07/08/2025 (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.) at Madison Campus

Objective: develop short-term and long-term facilities plans that help staff and volunteers responsibly manage the GSLC building and grounds to welcome and retain members, while providing comfortable spaces that meet our ministry needs. We communicate the facility needs of the church to the congregation and the board.

Members Present: David Zahn (chair), Rick Blum (staff), Jeff Boardman (staff), Josh Enslin (Board Representative), Jennifer Fagan (vice-chair), Barb Freiberg, Polly Carter, Matt Wentzel, Paul Hutson (on Zoom)

- **Opening Prayer/Devotion** - Jennifer Fagan

- **Development of new Volunteer Group** - Jeff Boardman. Jeff plans to organize two volunteer groups. The first is a To Do Crew of volunteers to help with completing smaller projects around the two campuses (such as gardening). The group will meet approximately twice a month for about 2 hours. The meetings will begin with fellowship and members will then go on to work on their assignments. The second group will be made up of volunteers with various types of expertise related to facility maintenance and repair (such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc.). The next steps are for Jeff to meet with Ronda Beggs to get her ideas for likely volunteers, and for Jeff and Rick to draft content for an item in the weekly Enews and the announcement video regarding these groups.

- **Fundraising Campaign Update** - Rick Blum. The Board decided to suspend the fundraising campaign for now. One issue was the lack of a volunteer to serve as chair. A general fundraising campaign is still planned.

- **Update on Tax Credit plus Undesignated Memorial and Impact on Maintenance Plans**—Rick Blum. In April, we finally received the tax credit we had applied for long ago. Including interest, it amounted to \$235,000.

We also have a substantial undesignated memorial that may be available to contribute toward upcoming maintenance needs. We can also potentially tap into the Endowment Fund as a source for the funding needed for the proactive maintenance projects identified in the Facilities Study led by Steve Frei. Typically, the Endowment Fund has allocated about 4% per year for various projects. However, the facility-related needs are greater than this – perhaps the fund would be willing to provide 25%/year over 4 years. Matt is a member of the Endowment Fund Committee. Rick will meet with Matt to discuss this prior to their next meeting later in July. Rick will also draft a gifting policy.

Several candidate projects were discussed including a walk-in cooler and shed for the Food Pantry, fixing various electrical issues, fixing leaks in the roof, replacing vinyl in the preschool and replacing various HVAC related equipment. Jeff will wothe goalgetting estimates for these

items, with a goal of putting together a list by July 20th totaling about \$100,000 to share with the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

- **Next Prayer/Devotion** – Josh Enslin
- **Schedule the Next Meeting** (October 7 in Verona)