

## Facilities Committee Meeting

Zoom meeting held March 2, 2021 @ 4:30 pm

**Objective:** Develop short-term and long-term facility plans that help staff and volunteers responsibly manage the GSLC buildings 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:** Rick Thomas (staff), Rick Blum (staff), Josh Enslin, Polly Carter, Barb Friberg, Max Seeland, Vern Andren (board rep), Becca Mortensen (visitor)

**Opening Prayer:** Josh shared some readings from the book, “Real Faith for Real Life”.

**Review proposed five year property budget spreadsheets.** Rick B. reminded us that the church now uses **the budget year July 1 to June 30**. So we need to keep that in mind when looking at the amounts we are allocating for projects. He reported that we now have \$203,000 from the Beyond Campaign for facility projects. We can use \$103,000 of that for projects in 2021 and 2022, and keep the other \$100,000 for bigger projects coming up in 2022 and 2023.

**1. Youth Room:** Rick B. reported that he has met with a contractor to remodel the youth room. The Dewey Family gave a large sum of money to the church, and \$30,000 was designated for the youth room. Becca Mortensen, Director of Youth and Family, told us of the items they would like in the remodeled room: a kitchenette with an island, a closet for storage, a wall to have art on. There is orange carpeting that is in the room now, and hopefully they can get something different in the future.

**2. Back Room will become the Music Room.** Rick B. and Rick T. met with a NCI Roberts contractor regarding the remodeling of an unfurnished room (called the back room) into a music room. They got an estimate of \$43 – 50,000. It is less than what has been budgeted. We have the money to spend on this project now.

Since the youth room will be remodeled, this might be a good time to also do the work for the music room as they are next to one another in the basement.

**3. Replace carpeting in lobby and worship area.** Rick B. contacted Gina Carey Wied, the interior decorator who oversaw the Madison Campus remodel, about giving us a quote for the Verona Campus carpet replacement. She told him she was very busy, and not sure she could oversee the work if we wanted it done this year. Rick asked her to just give us an idea of what the cost would be. She said \$83,000. This is considerably higher than what we had budgeted which is \$60,000.

**4. Outdoor sign at Verona.** Rick B. reminded us that Verona Campus is in the Town of Verona with Dane County having the authority on ordinances. They will not allow an electronic sign near the road. We have looked into annexing with City of Verona as they would allow the road sign. However, Rick just learned that Verona will most likely be passing a sign ordinance soon, and it will not allow anything taller than 12 feet. This would be hard to see from the road. We might have to start over with a new plan if Verona says no to the electronic sign.

**Question: What recommendations does the committee have for projects?** We agreed to put the Verona Campus carpet replacement into budget year 2021 – 2022. We agreed that it makes good sense to do the Music Room remodel now along with the Youth Room remodel. It was asked if one bid is enough for the Music Room. We discussed and suggested that Roberts get sub-contractor bids for some of the work to be done. Barb then made the motion: “I would like the Facilities Committee to recommend that we accept the NCI Roberts bid as contractor for the remodeling of the Youth and Music rooms.” Rick T. seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**Other items:** We have playground fencing for the Verona Campus in the 2021 budget. That work needs to happen this year as we are expanding the area. Rick T. will get bids.

**Spring clean-up.** This is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at both campuses. 9 – noon. An announcement will go in the bulletin.

**Rent or Purchase a tent.** Rick B. reported that they are looking into renting or possibly buying a large tent and putting it up in the Verona Campus parking lot. It would be up about 4 – 5 months. The cost to rent is \$8,800, and the Good Shepherd Foundation will provide a grant for that amount. We also have an opportunity to buy a used tent for \$10,500. Vern asked, why do we need a tent? Rick said the vision is to hold outdoor worship services under it, possibly have weddings, and other group gatherings. We also considered the negatives; an eyesore, no one uses it. If we bought it and it was not used much, we could sell it. Question was asked: Is there an opinion to rent it or buy it? The consensus was to buy it, and if we need to sell it in the future, that's OK.

**Re-opening of church facilities.** Rick T. reported that the Covid-19 task force is working on a date for having indoor worship again. Possibly the Sunday after Easter, which is April 11<sup>th</sup>. They are working on procedures.

**Next meeting date:** June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm Barb will give the devotion.

We closed at 5:50pm with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by:

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