

## Facilities Committee Meeting

September 7, 2021 (4:30pm) at Verona Campus

**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, Barb Friberg, Jim Edgerly, Max Seeland, Vern Andren (board rep.), Polly Carter

**Opening devotion:** Polly read from the faith magazine, Gather, on the gift of the Holy Spirit. The author writes: "Like a wild goose, the Holy Spirit is hard to capture, difficult to nail down with an easy definition or quick answers. One can't domesticate the Holy Spirit."

**Remodeling of Music Room and Youth Room at Verona Campus:** The committee went downstairs to look at the completed rooms. Carpeting will be going into the Music Room soon. Gina Carey Wied, the interior decorator, was present and answered questions.

**Remodeling of Lobby at Verona Campus:** The walls have been painted, and with a note that Rick T. did all the painting. The carpet for the Lobby should be installed in September, and the plan is to have the carpet for the Sanctuary installed by the end of October.

**Verona Campus sign and annexation update:** Our campus property is now in the City of Verona. Rick B. reported that an outdoor electronic sign was ordered, and it's hoped that it will be installed by Thanksgiving. The city's zoning law limits the size of the screen to 60 inches. The sign will be black, and at the top of the sign will be the words 'Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.'

**Stairway project, sound improvements at Madison Campus:** We are still waiting for the outside cement steps to be torn up and replaced. Rick T. reports that it has been very difficult finding someone to do this job. Concrete people don't want to install railings. He said he can do that. The seal coating of the parking lot should be done this fall yet, and the same company can do the stairway project at that time.

Rick B. also reported that the Good Shepherd Foundation is providing \$30,000 for sound improvement at the Madison Campus. The theory is for the sound system to be the same at both campuses. This could help with recordings / videos pre-set on a weekly basis. Hopefully it would cut down on time.

**RIC Update/Request:** Pastor Dara and the Reconciling in Christ Committee are asking this question: 'How can we be more inclusive to all people, be more welcoming?' This question is being asked with concerns that there is not a gender neutral bathroom at the Verona Campus. Right now there are two bathrooms on the main level. In conversation, it was brought to our attention that the nursery also has a small bathroom, and it is not being used at this time. Rick T. questioned if there was a building code that we need to follow. Barb made a motion that we table the RIC update until we have more information. Rick T. seconded the motion.

**Potential purchases:** Rick T. reported that the riding lawn mower at the Madison Campus needs to be replaced, and he will be buying a new mower. This comes out of the general landscaping fund. He also reported that the air conditioner for the Food Pantry is no longer working, and he'll be ordering a new one.

**Fall Cleanup Day:** We set October 30, 2021 as cleanup day for both campuses. Rick T. will put a notice in our weekly newsletter.

**Covid Concerns:** The task force will be meeting on September 12, 2021 to review how things are currently going. Rick B. said about 100 people are attending church at the Madison Campus and 75 at the Verona Campus.

**How long do we leave up the tent?** Rick T. reported that there are groups that have reserved meeting space going into October. The tent will be taken down later on and stored in an area behind the gymnasium.

**Other items to discuss (Madison – Room 11, Madison Pew Move, Where to put everything):** Rick B. says Sunday School Room 11 has had risers in it for some time. Children's Ministry leaders would like the risers removed and new carpet installed.

We also discussed removing the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> pews (they would be in the back) to allow for a 'playground area' for young families. We asked that because of Covid, do we need the pews to allow more space at this time?

**Next meeting date/devotion:** We will meet again on December 7, 2021 at 4:30pm at the Verona Campus. Barb will give the devotion.

Meeting ended at 5:50pm.

Submitted by: Polly Carter, Vice Chair