

Facilities Committee Meeting
December 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: Josh Enslin (chair), Rick Thomas (staff), Rick Blum (staff), Barb Friberg, Dave Zahn, Vern Andren (board representative), Matt Wentzel, Polly Carter, Eric Holmer, guest

Opening devotion: Barb read from a book, "Celebration of Christmas". We celebrate with JOY.

Presentation from Eric Holmer regarding Verona lobby: Eric presented a media vision for the walls in the lobby area of the Verona Campus. The walls were painted over the summer as part of the remodel/update that was done, and they are bare at this time. Eric showed us banners that could be hung along the walls. Also, we could have vinyl lettering with phrases and words put on the wall. He'll continue to work on it. Rick B. said we had a \$5,000 budget for this project.

Security issues at Madison campus: Rick B. reported that middle school kids have come into the building after school (more of a problem on Mondays because of early release), and caused problems. A man visiting the Clothes Closet became aggressive a couple of weeks ago. The staff has started to lock the front doors at 3:30 pm Monday–Thursday. If a group is meeting later in the day, Rick T. can open up. Our committee agreed with the plan. Matt Wentzel, who has served on Safety and Security Task Force, suggested that Christmas Eve ushers and greeters be made aware of what is going on around church. The committee was reminded there is a panic button that can be used. It's a direct 911 call.

Updates regarding Verona carpet and sign: The carpet for the worship area is delayed again. It is hoped that it will be installed in January sometime. The outdoor sign should be delivered and installed by Christmas. Also, Rick B. reported that the step risers in Sunday School Room 11 at the Madison Campus were removed, and new carpeting will be installed.

Update regarding gender neutral bathroom at Verona: Rick B. informed us that because of the city of Verona code requirements, we will table any further discussion and revisit it in the future.

Report on fall clean-up: Rick T. reported there was a small group at the Madison Campus that did clean-up. Not many leaves had fallen yet. About 20 people did brush clean-up at the Verona Campus. We decided on April 16, 2022 as the spring clean-up day.

Review five year budget plan: We need to review the five year plan, and will allow time at the March meeting for discussion. Both church building roofs will need to be replaced in the future. We need to look at trees at the Madison Campus for pruning and/or removal. Matt suggested we consider having underground wiring put in at the Madison Campus to provide more security by the Raymond Road and Whitney Way corner. It is very dark there at night, and motion lights would be helpful.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Madison Campus. Josh will lead devotion.

Submitted by Polly Carter, Vice Chair

