

Facilities Committee Meeting

September 6, 2022 (5:30pm) 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), Max Seeland, Vern Andren (board representative), Jim Edgerly, Barb Friberg, Paul Hutson, Dave Zahn, Polly Carter, Steve Frei (guest)

Opening devotion: Barb led us in devotion.

Discussion regarding the changes to Verona Campus access: Rick B. reported that the Verona Public Works Department sent him an email in August with regards to accessing our parking lot. They decided that we will no longer be able to make a left turn from County Highway PD into the parking lot when cars are coming from the east. There is a high probability that a serious accident could happen someday, as the traffic is heavy at times from EPIC employees turning onto or leaving Northern Lights Road. Heavier traffic will be coming in the future from homes that will be built behind our church location. Rick B. contacted Steve Frei to assist us in the communication with Verona Public Works. Steve gave us four options of how we could have access to our parking lot. It was decided that option 4 was probably the best. Cars driving from the east would turn onto Northern Lights Rd and a new road on the east side of NLR would be made, and join the parking lot that is just past the food pantry garden. We agreed that made good sense, and thanked Steve for providing good insight into the road change.

Staffing update: Rick B. reported that they are hoping to hire a media person and part-time custodian.

Update regarding projects started and completed: Verona and Madison roofs, Verona parking lot, Madison outdoor stairs, Verona lounge and gender neutral bathroom, new shed at Verona, etc.

Many updates have been done during the summer, with several in the process of being completed. Verona roof is completed and work has begun on the Madison roof. They vacuumed the gravel off the Madison roof and will be replacing it with a vinyl covering. (Rick T, please clarify the correct wording for this)

The tent will be coming down in mid-October, and the parking lot will be rebuilt in that area. We will need to discuss if we want the tent to go back up next year. A new toilet and baby changing table will update the small bathroom to a gender neutral bathroom. A small shed was put up at the Verona Campus. Plans are to move the last 2 pews at Madison Campus, and provide an area rug and toys for families who want to keep their children in church. It will be called a "Prayer Ground."

Scheduled Fall Cleanup: A date is set for October 29th. Clean-up will occur at both campuses on that date.

Revisit any updates regarding the Facilities Use Plan, Wish List, and Five Year Budget Plan: As we have made many upgrades this past budget year of 2021-22, we looked at the 2022-23 budget items. At Madison Campus it was agreed to move repair parking lot into the 2023-24 year along with fixing the playground air intake. Rick T. reported that there are 4 air conditioning units. (Rick, Is that just for the sanctuary? Or the whole church?) The large air conditioner in the basement is not working. Rick will look at getting bids. This would be for the 2023-24 budget. Rick B. said that landscaping at the Verona Campus (facing the east) should be added to the 2022-23 budget.

Other items to discuss: Dave asked about external landscape lighting at the Madison Campus. Rick T. will look into this. Rick B. reported that Pastor Dara was contacted by Rabbi Bonnie Margulis from Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice about Good Shepherd being a host for “active shooter training.” Jim E. asked if we should check with Madison Police. Rick B. will check with Matt.

Next prayer/devotion leader: Rick Blum

Next Meeting date: December 6, 2022 at Madison Campus, 4:30pm

Meeting was adjourned: 6:50pm

Submitted by Polly Carter, Vice Chair