

## Facilities Committee Meeting

March 7, 2023 (4:30pm) at Madison 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), Brent Marshall (staff), Vern Andren (board representative), Barb Friburg, Paul Hutson, Chris Ehlers, Dave Zahn, Matt Wentzel, Polly Carter

**Opening devotion:** Polly read the March 7<sup>th</sup> Lenten Devotional article, “Finding What You Weren’t Looking For”. The theme for that day was: “God in the Water.”

**Transition from Rick Thomas to Brent Marshall as Director of Facilities:** We welcomed Brent as Director of Facilities, and as a member of our committee. Rick T. said he was showing Brent around both campus facilities. As Rick will still be on staff doing outreach work, he is available to answer any questions that Brent may have. We thanked Rick T. for his many years as Director of Facilities at our two campuses.

**Madison Roof Update:** Rick T. reported that the work was getting closer to being done. The overhang on the southeast side was rotten, so a structural engineer needed to order grooved boards to provide support. That work is done. Now he is waiting for the roofing company to come back, and put the final covering over that area.

**Boiler Replacement Needed at Madison:** Rick T. reported that the boiler room had water on the floor. There are two boilers, the one with water leaking was installed in 2002. The other boiler was installed in 2008. There was discussion on whether we should have it repaired or purchase a new boiler. We decided to get 3 bids for repair, and for replacement of boiler.

Rick B. reminded us that there is \$100,000 from the Beyond Campaign that is set aside for the Air Handler. We do not have a cost of a new boiler at this time, but possibly \$30,000 and more. Rick B. asked if it is appropriate to use money from air handler towards the boiler? Now, of course, we don’t know how long the air handler will continue working. We want to be transparent to the congregation. There was discussion. Chris made a recommendation: “We suggest as a committee to use the money in the Air Handler account to purchase a new boiler.” The committee voted on this, and approved that recommendation.

**Safety Training and Grant Submission – Rick Blum:** Rick reported that the non-profit grant has opened, and he will be writing for a grant.

**Verona New Sign Installation:** Rick B. said sign was installed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The lighting will be turned on soon. Also, LaCrosse Sign Co. will hopefully get the digital sign installed in a month or so.

**Verona Driveway – Striping and Signage Needed?** Rick B. reported two minor car accidents over the winter on our new driveway. One time the road had not been plowed yet. We discussed if striping would be helpful? Not sure. It was agreed that putting signs up with arrows pointing, and having reflective tape could be helpful.

**Potential New Placement for Tent:** Rick B. asked if we should be putting the tent up again this year, and where? It cannot go back where it has been in the past, as that part of the parking lot was repaired, and he does not want new holes put in it. It was used once or twice last year for worship. A suggestion has been made to put it near the food pantry garden. Garden volunteers could use it for shade. The tent has to be bolted in black top, or tied onto cement blocks. He will continue to talk with staff on this.

**Spring Clean-up:** The date set is April 8, 2023. This is Easter weekend, and a good time to pick up debris and rake. We will hold this at both campuses.

**Five Year Budget Plan Review:** The committee looked at items in the 2023 budget column. The roof replacement at the Madison Campus will be completed soon. There is \$5,000 for external lighting. The \$30,000 boiler amount was just inserted- as a guess amount. The parking lot repair at Verona has been completed, and Rick B. is working with Glacier Landscaping for work to be done in the front of the building. We have \$20,000 budgeted.

**Next Prayer/Devotion:** Barb Friberg

**Schedule Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Verona Campus

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:30pm

Submitted by: Polly Carter, Vice Chair