

Carpenter's Corner-- 11-4-18 Update

Welcome to the new Capital Campaign/Construction update, 'Carpenter's Corner'!! These updates will be posted, sent and announced regularly throughout the process. We want everyone to be up to date about the project.

The Church Construction Committee has already been meeting almost weekly since 9/16/18 and it has taken a bit to get rolling with actual news...but we have got plenty to report at this time so here goes!!

This is the team:

- Kerrie Puglia has generously volunteered to be the chair of this committee...and we are lucky to have her! She comes with a wealth of experience organizing building and restoration projects and teaches us something every week. And she has really been able to propel the project along with her knowledge of where to start and how to draft things like 'RFPs' (Request for Proposals).
- Bill Ewan is her gracious co-chair, even volunteering for babysitting if that's what it takes!
- I, myself, Betsy Canino have volunteered as 'secretary' and am also in charge of communicating about the project (hence the 'Corner')
- Karen Marie Hedlund has taken on the role of 'Assets and Inventory Manager' which is why you will find her poking about and asking what you like about what we currently have, want to keep or what can just be sent to its next life.
- John Pietrella (yes, he is still in the game!) will be 'Jack of all Trades' helping to fill in here and there with his knowledge of the history of this project and the quirks of our building he is a great consultant/back-up person. He also will be breathing new life into our Capital Campaign...because every dollar we can raise will make the project better.
- Other team members include: Dawn Gregson, Dick Pearson, Skip Mann, Tito Moore, Daudi Kaliisa, Kenny G, Bob Carlson, Jill Richards, John Gregson

This is the progress so far:

- Sub-committees formed to address aspects of inventory and eliciting feedback for the chosen architect, communications, capital campaign.
- A survey of needs and wants and an inventory survey have been drafted.
- Our loan application to the Mission Investment Fund was granted preliminary approval...to be fully approved we have to have plans and contractor bids to submit.
- RFPs (request for proposals) written and sent out on Nov 2nd to 4 architects for bids
 - These are due Nov 15 and will be reviewed by the committee on Nov 18
 - The committee will recommend a bid and send to the congregation council for approval
 - If all is approved we will sign on an architect to begin the design process.

Important #1 You may think we already have an architect...we did pay an architect, remember? That was for a feasibility study...the feasibility study gave us information about the building such as where we have asbestos, engineering issues, other considerations necessary to do the work. We are hiring an architect now to design and write plans for our current project. They will use information from the feasibility study, along with our budget and list of needs, to draw up specific plans. These plans will be used for contractor bidding,

to obtain permits, and to allow MIF to issue the formal construction loan. **NO DESIGN PLANS HAVE BEEN DONE AT THIS POINT!** And we do not have an architect to plan our project at this time. Bids from 4 different architects are being collected.

IMPORTANT #2: We are working with a budget of \$400,000. That is a very low budget and about 1/2 of what we would have needed to accomplish a lot of the 'wishes' that were generated. The committee would like to let you know that this project will not be able to accomplish many of the things we originally dreamed of...but our goal is to do the best job with the funding raised.

Preliminary priorities noted by team:

As a preface: Handicapped accessible bathroom facilities do not appear here because they are required!! (we have to have them)

- 1) Non-toxic environment (mold and asbestos remediation)
- 2) Improved HVAC (heating) system
- 3) Energy efficiency (this will likely include new windows and insulation, minimally)
- 4) Increased number of meeting spaces/classrooms
- 5) Designated Kitchen with larger social area
- 6) Increased safety considerations
- 7) Storage, storage, storage

Timeline:

- We have a tentative timeline sketched out. We predict the work will start in May between the 13th-20th. We expect the work to finish no later than September 9th.
- A calendar will be posted in the lounge as the dates become more firm. The first few months of 2019 will be used developing the design.
- Kerrie has included in the RFP that half way through the process, the architect will present the plans to the congregation for input.
- Another early task is to begin to get feedback from all the different ministries (music, worship, hospitality, education, etc) and people who use our facility about what features would enable that ministry to move forward.
- Ministries will also be asked to sort through all that they have stored here over the next few months, streamline and pack all that is to be kept (though lots of time to do this!) because the building (except the sanctuary) will need to be emptied for the work to occur. A storage unit will be available to store what we are keeping.
- The church office will continue to function during the construction (we are never closed for business!) but the details of that will rely on the architect to assist with planning.

- And fear not! There will be restroom facilities provided during the project (again, with assist from the architect)

The team wants you to know that we take this responsibility very seriously and have been working very hard to organize and do the work to propel the construction forward. We ask for your prayers and for your trust that we are committed to doing the very best with the resources at hand. We welcome your joining the team if you have the interest and time. Our goal is to be transparent with the progress and the steps being taken.