

Long Range Planning Committee notes, November 17 meeting

Members present: Jeremy Pate, Brett Park, Charlie Rigsby, Linda Kelly, Bob Kelly, Mary Miller, Kaye Bernard, Lowell Grisham

We discussed some of the responses to the preliminary drawings from Bob Kelly, Stacey Park and Brett Park. We had a lot of feedback from staff and program leaders as well as from members of the committee. Some of the common themes:

- a need for more Sunday School space
- more storage
- a continued emphasis on flexible use of space

We seem to have found some traction around a general proposal to extend the church to the east and to renovate the program space east of the Garth through to the parking lot.

We had a free-flowing conversation about various configurations for the chancel and sanctuary area. We also talked a great deal about the costs and benefits of the church transepts. It seems that we could save considerable expense if the transept width did not encroach upon the adjoining building.

Here are some options that we asked Bob Kelly to look at in the continued design process:

- reduce the width of transepts
- widen the chancel
- raise chancel floor higher
- incorporate the pink area into the nave
- don't incorporate the pink area into the nave
- altar not on pedestal

Bob will try to create some alternative views of some of these configurations.

The big gorilla in the room – what can we afford to do? Regardless of what plan we may make for renovation of the church, or if we leave the church as it is, the organ needs approximately \$750,000 of work.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, at noon (brown bag).