

Long Range Planning Committee

December 15, 2011

Present: Jim Halsell, Kaye Bernard, Lara Wilkins, Mary Miller, Stacey Park, Brett Park, Lowell Grisham, Jeremy Pate, Larry Jones, Bob Kelly, Linda Kelly, Marian Kunetka, Charlie Rigsby, Charlie Russell

Ignacio was present from Bob Kelly's office to help with the Building Information Model (BIM) file..

We opened with a conversation about an e-mail from Mac Mayfield and his question about our plans to make any new construction environmentally sustainable in a way that is consistent with the Genesis Covenant.

The architects have incorporated a lot of comments from last month's conversation.

When they tried to extend the worship building at the full width of the current chancel, the angle of the roof came too low to the ground, creating an A-frame appearance. The chancel area behind the altar will need to be narrower than the current chancel. The chancel area behind the altar could be wider than the current Altar area and at the same width of the Nave. The current chancel is 500 SF and the sanctuary is 308 SF – total of 808 SF. We are looking at a drawing that would have over 1,750 SF in the chancel-altar area.

We seem to have found a consensus around some basic designs for both buildings.

We are looking at a design that would incorporate most of the current chancel into the nave seating area and would create seating in two transepts to the north and south. Seating capacity in the nave would rise to 537. There would be a spiral stair to the east side of the south transept for better sightlines for the seating.

The altar rail would be at the nave level in front of the pulpit, font, and altar. The altar rail would be about 45 feet long, more than doubling our current 20 foot rail. A suggestion was made to reduce the size of the communion distribution area behind the altar rail in order to add some seating to the Nave. To do so would shorten the altar rail a bit.

The elevation would be increased for better visibility.

Looking at the other building, if we added 20 feet of structure extending into the parking lot, it would add the equivalent of nine classrooms with extended footage through three floors. We think that additional area allows us adequate square footage to respond to all of the program needs that have been brought to our attention.

Most of the space on the floors of the program building are still open for design. We can move these lines.

We will need storage space on each floor

We will probably need a kitchenette and coffee space on each floor.

We will need table and chair storage on each floor.

We anticipate leaving the fourth floor as a shell; maybe half of the third floor as well.

We need to think carefully about security issues for all of the children's areas. Access needs to be limited and protected.

We won't have a January meeting, in order to give the architects plenty of time to incorporate the ideas from the past few months into the new drawings. We are pretty excited about coming to a place where this seems to be a lot of agreement about basic footprints and the potential to respond to all the needs that have been presented to the committee.

The next meeting will be February 16, at noon in the library. Bring your own brown bag.