

Group Memory from Building Planning Congregational Discussion 23 JUL 2017,

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References: Building Plan Process Directions, email and website. Building Planning Discussion Handout p2, for 23 JUL 2017, revised and added below. Slides and Handout p1 for 23 July 2017. Publicity summaries, newspapers and website. Also see "Mission" and 7 UU Principles on back of Order of Service.

The mission of MLUUC is to exemplify the 7 UU Principles through worship, service, and pastoral care for each other. Suggested vision: Become the UU Center for the Cohuttas.

Strategy A - Promote safety, health, and comfort.

Outcome: Fire extinguishers installed in both buildings according to code and common-sense safety concerns, finished immediately. Sequence: Done.

Phase 1, Outcome 1: A patched roof that does not leak, finished ASAP. Sequence: Start now.

Methods:

Task 1: Ann Low will solicit and accept assessments and estimates from 3 contractors by 8/6/17. People send contractor names to Ann by Tuesday 7/25/17.

Task 2: Board will decide among the estimates and contract to effect the roof repairs by a completion date negotiated with the contractor, by 8/10/17.

Task 3: (*Who?*) will develop an alternative method plan to repair the roof using internal expertise and labor, and materials we procure ourselves, less expensively than hiring a contractor. Complete alternative plan by (*when?*) Not feasible, no expert volunteered yet.

Implications: Is the roof insured? Age of roof? Replace whole roof later? Vet the roofers. Gutters? Cause of leaks?

See report from structural engineer.

Resources: Negotiate costs with contractor or as part of alternative plan.

Outcome 1 completed by 9-15-17.

HISTORY: Ann Low presented 5 bids to the Board. Mark Brock was selected as contractor. Total work on roof completed by 9-15-17 at cost of \$2,150. Work consisted of:

Replaced all metal roof screws with longer commercial grade screws and secured in place.

Repaired leaking gutter at splice, replaced flashing below. Replaced all rotted boards caused by leak in that area.

Removed canopy to access rotten boards and replaced five rotted D logs. [Clean and replace canopy with no guarantee because of condition of canvas. Will come back at later time and reinstall if canvas is replaced.]

Removed and replaced rotted wood around door.

Removed and replaced 16 ft. rough-sawn cedar at ends of building.

Trimmed trees away from roof line and gutters.

Painted new wood and touched up old wood.

Phase 1, Outcome 2: Two restrooms in the NW corner of the RE side, one male, one female, both ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant, large enough to accommodate needs of large group events (100 people), both with baby changing stations, attractive, and allowing for privacy and dignity. In accordance with codes, fire marshal said limit was 100 ppl. Sequence: Start now.

Methods:

Task 1: (Who?) will consult with experts, internal and external, to further specify planning criteria, to include square feet of space required for each restroom, ventilation, heat and AC, number and type of toilet stalls, urinals, sinks, mirrors, hand drying machines or paper towel dispensers, and windows. Complete this consultation by (when?).

Tasks 2, 3, and 4 are the same as Tasks 1, 2, and 3 for the roof repair Outcome 1 above.

Reference: see architectural graphics standards for guidelines & consult UUA national for guidance.

Implication: Accomplishing this outcome will result in eliminating the current restroom, since it will no longer be needed, and to allow for kitchen expansion.

Implication: Deciding not to include a shower is to decide not to provide sanctuary to a refugee or immigrant family or help to the aged or differently abled in a restroom emergency. (True? Yes)

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17 members submitted 41 responses from June 12 through July 16. (Updated 24 JUL 2017)

Strategy A - Promote safety, health, and comfort. Tactics:

X - See Outcome 1 Stmt in Group Memory - Repair roof/gutters and infrastructure. (2) (See Strategy D also.)

Connect to city water for safe drinking water. (2)

Go through the Gilmer county water system.

Update wiring, including stove, and lighting.

Install a dishwasher to eliminate bacteria on our dishes.

X - See Outcome 2 Stmt in Group Memory - Build a 2nd or 3rd restroom. (See Strategy D also.)

X - See Outcome 2 Stmt in Group Memory - Add a restroom for the handicapped. (2)

X - See Outcome 2 Stmt in Group Memory - Build restrooms on the RE side.

X - See Outcome 2 Stmt in Group Memory - Construct a ladies' restroom.

Open space and passage between RE and Sanctuary.

Move A/C wiring from warehouse meter to sanctuary meter.

Create several office/classroom spaces on lower level of "R/E side" with handicapped access.

Acquire a lapel mic for speakers.

Strategy B - Strengthen and grow community, expand programs, and welcome outside groups. Tactics:

Build a larger kitchen. (2)

Open space and passage between RE and Sanctuary on both floors. (2)

Create spaces for meditation, small groups, coffee house, & library.

Tear out fireplace to expand worship/dining seating and enable kitchen re-modeling.

Make more parking spaces available on vacant lot and surrounding land. (3)

Paint lines on the parking lot.

Refresh and expand signage.

Create formal entrance way, with distinctive spire and UU symbol.

Strategy C - Reduce the mortgage payment and increase income. Tactics:

Rent the warehouse building.

Move A/C wiring from warehouse meter to sanctuary meter.

Make safe the upper storage area in the back building.

Rent the RE side of our main building.

Sell the billboard lot.

Strategy D - Give facilities structural integrity to serve missions long term, avoid future costs, and raise property values.

Tactics:

X - See Outcome 1 Stmt in Group Memory - Repair the roof. (2)

X - See Outcome 2 Stmt in Group Memory - Add two bathrooms.

Strategy E - Become an example and promote green community. Tactics:

Install solar panels and other "green" improvements.
