

BUILDING OUR FUTURE: Beyond Ourselves



BOF Architectural Design Team Meeting Notes- - - February 21, 2024

AD Team Members attending: Ann Hutton (team lead), Anne Black-Sinak, Gail Eadie, Erika Fetterman, Drew Frana, Karmen Frana, Joe Schwartz, Kathy Shepel

1. Call to order and Chalice lighting - Ann shared chalice lighting words from Rev. Karen Lewis Foley, *New Church Building Dedication*
2. Introductions and sharing individual BOF interests - As it had been some months since the group was last together, members introduced themselves and shared background experience and interests.
3. Overall BOF team structure - Ann provided a brief description of the BOF team structure (Core Team and the sub-groups: In addition to AD, there are groups focused on Energy, Generosity, Gratitude, Green, Location), as well as describing the purpose of each and the name of the team lead. Participants also received a copy of the BOF Core Team Covenant as it is hoped that each of the working groups would operate with these principles in mind.
4. Plan for our team - Erika distributed copies of the recently distributed capital campaign brochure and the group discussed various design elements. Questions and comments included:
 - a. Pleased to see the progress from the first schematics shared September 2023.
 - b. Pleased to have had the amount of information shared overtime and input from the congregation is evident.
 - c. Information about the evolution from two options: one story and two story to just two stories which was based on the preferences shared by the congregation in the online survey, and discussions with the accessibility group.
 - d. Pleased to see that expansion, the east and the west, is already proposed for future growth. Not included in this drawing but being considered as plans go forward is the possibility of adding a balcony to the sanctuary. This could then be the first stage of future expansions.
 - e. Reviewed a list of topics, identified by the Core Team, in need of additional study.
 - f. It was noted that the Minnesota Accessibility Code for new construction is very stringent which will work towards our goal of accessibility. With the understanding that we may want to go beyond code that makes it easier for all. Accessibility - review the architects' documents which will take care of a lot of items and spaces

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- g. Brief discussion of the very general term “universal design.”
 - h. General agreement that a considerable number of the items on the list as identified by the Core Team while needing input, those decisions will come later - such as what type of kitchen appliances. However, the general layout of the kitchen so that it is accessible will need to be made early.
 - i. Question - How will we accommodate providing a space for those needing more quiet/less distractions?
 - j. There were questions about the design of the kitchen. Erika shared background information about the type of kitchen appliances, required minimums, and commercial licensing.
 - k. Members of the AD Team expressed interest in the following:
 - i. **Gail, Ann, Erika** as members of the Kitchen Team - Continue drawing on the expertise of the Kitchen sub-team and have that group review recommendations from the Kitchen consultant recommended by Locus.
 - ii. **Karmen** volunteered to assist with classroom and playground design and furnishings.
 - iii. **Gail** volunteered to review finishing choices with the understanding that the architect will present a small manageable selection of choices.
 - iv. **Drew** is willing to assist with acoustical design and AV needs.
5. Other tasks:
- a. Gail suggested that we need a decision-making timeline: break-ground + x months for the various decisions. The architect and the builder will be able to help define.
 - b. Ann will edit the Core Team suggested activity list.
6. Any other general or specific questions - Recommend that landscape design include sufficient space for outdoor worship and performances.
7. Next meeting - Left open for now. Ann will work the architects and the builders for the “break ground + dates timeline and call upon the group when needed.