

BUILDING TEAM

Minutes - Nov. 10, 2016

Present: Irene, Donya, Beth, Sherry

A small gathering with a focus on trying to determine an “evocative word” as a handle for our new church. A number of words were tried, but nothing seemed quite right. I personally kept coming back to “welcoming” as both cheerful and politically correct.

We then focused on the activities for which we needed to build a proper space. The essential rooms included the sanctuary (of course), the meeting hall and kitchen, the offices for the minister and the church secretary, multi purpose room for the library, the RE director, the “changing room”, RE classrooms, bathrooms, plenty of closets and storage space. The activities ranged from worship to weddings and funerals, coffee and fellowship hour, lectures and concerts, outside group activities, possible stage for plays and concerts, dinners and group gatherings, dancing, art shows, Maureen’s Haven, etc.

The innovative idea of turning the sanctuary 180 degrees for its worship focus in order to better accommodate people coming in from the parking lot ran into a problem. Namely that the front door facing the street needs to be OPEN both as a welcoming note and for practical access.

Further discussion included what to do with the “Blue House” – roll it forward, sell it, fix it up for our purposes or retain it as a source of rental income (netting about \$10,000 after taxes). Might we want to consider space for a Day Care Center with an outdoor playground? Should we build an outdoor two-car garage for the parsonage? (Probably). Would we consider installing a cell tower in the steeple? (probably not, many restrictions)

The meeting concluded about 9:15. Next meeting with Marren and Gorman on Nov. 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Smith