

Trinity Facility What If Team
Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2008
8:00 p.m. Student Center (following the Open House)

Present: Dave Mars, Scott Heemstra, Jodi McDonough, Karen Barker, Dave Van Den Brink, Scott Simmelink, Brian Hector

What follows is our list of notes of concerns and/or questions taken from conversations tonight.

Idea: Include a basement. Need pipe tunnel access. Need storm shelter.

Action: Continue to explore. Can we use it as storm shelter without having to build an elevator?

Idea: Concern about operating costs for 2 buildings.

Action: Get ballpark on both buildings. Increase current janitorial salary by $\frac{3}{4}$ (as an imagined ballpark).

We will have to wait for engineering details to get ballpark for utilities in the new space.

Idea: Have we considered the fact that we will have utilities costs for 2 buildings?

Action: Yes. LT, deacons, FOT have all considered it.

Idea: People not able to vote on just the design.

Action: Giving each person in the congregation a thumbs up or thumbs down on each detail of the design is not possible or desirable. We have solicited responses in every way we know how and are trying to be responsive to each suggestion. Every step has passed through the leadership team and consistory. However, we will pass this suggestion onto the LT in case they want to do a course correction.

Idea: Concern over split campus.

Action: Yes. However, many churches work out of several buildings and even several campuses. It is a paradigm shift, but one we can make. We would be happy to get everyone out at the new site. All it will take is a miraculous stewardship campaign.

Idea: Do we need the paddocks into the nursery and toddler rooms now that we have the check-in?

Action: Talk to Karen Clark about that.

Item: Do we want 3rd – 5th room dividers solid?

Action: No. Confirm with Karen Clark.

Item: Do we want a door off café into 1st and 2nd grade classroom?

Action: First, we need a mock up of what the catering kitchen will be like. Perhaps it is difficult to imagine the space that is already designed. Review with Karen Clark as well.

Item: Can translation room be above the coat room? Or somewhere that the translator can see the platform participants?

Action: Talk to architects.

Item: Take the ½ wall off the platform.

Action: Talk to architects.

Item: Do we need the green room? Is that efficient use of the space?

Action: Talk to architects. Talk to platform participants. (i.e. Shirley, Andy, Jon O, Jon N). Might it, though, also be a space for a prayer room? (Can we make it accessible to the outside but locked on the inside?) Space for prepping communion? Small group meetings?

Item: Sightlines in sanctuary.

Action: Double check with architect. Not doing any worse than any other church. Check with Westwood in Omaha. They have flat floor and raised platform. The mock up that was done tonight appeared to be satisfactory to those that tried it out.

Item: Square footage by grade for the children's space.

Action: We will quantify that.

Item: General concern about kitchen space. Specifically regarding the flow of serving. Doesn't need to be large, just efficient.

Action: We will do a mock-up so that those most concerned will have something concrete to look at and respond to. (Note: regarding the screen to block off workers, allow for it to be anchored in some way to the wall or floor.) We will also get some statistics. How many funerals do we average a year? How many wedding receptions?

Item: Glass in divider doors between sanctuary and hall.

Action: Talk to architects.

Item: Integrate key missional issues into architectural design. Symbols in sanctuary: baptismal font, pulpit, artistic images, communion table.

Action: Talk to architects. (Steve particularly.) Talk specifics to those concerned, beginning with Jon O and Jon N.

Item: AV booth too small for all elements.

Action: Talk to architects and AVL team. Where else might we be able to put it?

Item: Should we build phase one where we have phase 2 currently located so that the larger sanctuary, when built, is front and center?

Action: We don't know what phase 2 is. We're only guessing at this point. It would not be prudent to build phase one assuming anything specific about the design or use of phase two.

Item: Is there a way to have Christian Ed class for seniors in the new facility so that they don't have to go to two places on a Sunday morning?

Action: Set up space for a class in the Grand Hall. We hope we have extra money to build more square footage.

Item: Possible egress bottle neck around AV booth.

Action: Talk to Design 2020 to brainstorm solutions for booth.

Item: Concave nature of platform.

Action: Brainstorm other configurations of the platform with architects. Include Jeff B in the conversation.

Item: Can we move the accessible ramp behind the platform thereby increasing our space in the sanctuary?

Action: We will explore.

Item: Communion prep and wash. Where do we do that?

Action: Perhaps our new configuration will allow intinction so that prep and clean-up is much simpler? We will explore.

Item: Don't go gravity with sanitary sewers, use pumps.

Action: Talk it over with mechanical.

Item: Can the double doors in children's area on east be single?

Action: Talk to architects.

Item: Do we need doors on the west side of the children's area?

Action: Talk to architects and Karen Clark.

Item: Where's the drinking fountain?

Action: Talk to architects.

Item: How do we do adult education?

Action: Have Cogun price out additional space. Two 750 – 1000 sq foot rooms. Think about this for the next couple of days, though, before we take action. If we were able to buy 2,000 more feet of space, is that how we would spend it? Not one of our targeted priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 after which we put the space back into its original configuration.

Next meeting is a conference call with Cogun. Thursday night, October 16, 2008.

For those of you who do actually read these and like to know the other side of the FOT, here are those notes:

- At one point Scott S has his mouth full, but started talking and then started to cough. Dave M made it clear that he will not give Scott mouth to mouth if he chokes on his pizza while talking.
- Once again, there was singing. This time, however, much to our surprise, Dave Mars sang Kumbaya in a booming baritone voice. Sign that man up for the praise team. Scott S did also sing. Something about washing dishes. (After working together for 7 hours, we do get a little punchy.)