

UUSS Building Project Steering Committee
Summary of January 18, 2015 meeting

Steering Committee Participants: Cassie Wilkins, Dennis Clear and Margaret Wilcox. Also in attendance: Colene Schlaepfer, Judy Moran, Lucy Bunch, Mary Howard, Rich Howard and Roger Jones

Project Delivery Team Report:

Redwood Re-purposing: The logs from removal of the redwood trees are at California Hardwood Producers for milling. We are hoping for 1600' of boards but could look at alternate uses if milling results in less than that. There is \$7000 in the budget for this purpose. Rich has given Brian of Jackson Construction contact information for Wayne Wilcox (Professor Emeritus of Forestry at UC Berkeley) who is willing to assist.

Chairs: About 15 members of the Project Delivery Team, representing various groups within the congregation, met recently and were unanimous in their selection of the Bertolini model 2000 chair. The Committee approved purchasing 330 of the standard chairs, 20 of the arm chairs, and 4 five-wheel dollies. Margaret will take the recommendation to the Board at their upcoming meeting this Thursday. The Aesthetics Committee is reviewing the color palette and will be recommending a color to the Steering Committee.

There is also a need for 6 chairs in the podium area to accommodate the ministers, lay leaders and special guests. Mary volunteered to contact an upholsterer for a cost estimate to reupholster the current podium chairs.

Audio-Visual: Rich reported that the Audio-Visual group did not have a recommendation on which of the three packages to purchase: (1) the Basic Package for audio only plus the 10'x16' built-in sanctuary screen at \$53,214; (2) the Basic Package with Sanctuary Projection at \$77,703; or (3) the Complete System at \$159,388. The Committee discussed the options and agreed to recommend the Basic Package at this time. In the future, as funds allow, the additional equipment can be added. Margaret will also take this recommendation to the Board on Thursday.

Funding Team Update: Mary reported that the team is planning a late February or early March viewing event of the construction progress. This also will be an opportunity for those who purchased tours at last year's Auction to have a special guided tour by John and Judy. A list is being prepared of items that can be purchased for those who might be interested. This would be posted on the web site. The Funding Team is comfortable, at this time, with fundraising for the chairs, some of the A/V equipment and some kitchen items.

Project Managers Update: Judy reported on items needing follow-up from our December meeting. (1) The roll-up door to the service kitchen will be metal but can be powder-coated any color. Aesthetics Team will recommend. (2) The asphalt paving for the parking area, main drive and service drive will be 2" thick over base rock. There may be maintenance issues where the old paving meets the new plus on the service drive due to regular use by garbage trucks. (3) The shotcrete at the footings was not necessary because rain isn't in the immediate forecast. (4) Rain delays have been 24 days so far, which is more than anticipated based on last year. There was also a 6-day delay for permit issuance for a total of 30 days. (5) The current schedule shows UUSS move-in on or about September 18 although Brian anticipates that we might make up some time once the roof is on. The slab is to be poured Jan 30; framing starts Feb 4; roof framing is from Feb 20 to 27.

The kitchen plan has been finalized with some significant savings. The fixtures in the bathroom near the office had to be flipped due to configuration of the plumbing over the basement. The revised landscape plan has been approved. Issues pending that the Aesthetics Team may feel are outside their scope – location of the Giving Tree, how to display and store name tags, and location of the computer/video screen and the fabric bulletin boards in the Welcome Hall. There was discussion of having wooden handles on the building's front doors. Several Committee members spoke in favor of it.

Judy will follow up with Jeff Gold to obtain the color palette approved previously. Committee members expressed interest in seeing the CAD model of our new building. Judy will confer with Brian about scheduling a presentation, preferably this week. The Board and other key interested people also will be invited.

Offer to Buy Old Chairs: Lucy's nephew started a progressive Christian church in Visalia several years ago. They have grown and are transitioning from being renters to having their own space. He is interested in having 200 of our chairs. Committee members agreed to sell him the chairs for \$2.50 each. He will load and transport them.

Phase 1A Project Construction Budget: Lucy distributed an updated budget. New gifts and commitments in 2014 totaled \$304,519, with \$44,654 outstanding. Committee members discussed whether the current approximately \$100,000 not needed for expenses according to the budget should be held for construction contingencies or should be applied toward the loan. The consensus was that the decision should be postponed for several months until we have a firmer sense of contingency costs.

Communication Update: Dennis is submitting regular updates in the Unigram, supplemented by reports in the Midweek Message and new information through the link on our website.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Sunday, February 15 meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled