

**New Spirit Lutheran Church
Vision Team Meeting
July 13, 2010**

Attendance: Justin Nast
Terry Mysak
Barbara Verthein
Pastor Alan
Robin Hughes

Donna Thompson
Barb Carty
Richard Siegel
Mark Buglewicz
Tom Bartels

Absentees: Brigitte Stuetze, Paul Stuetze

Opening/Devotions: Barb Carty read from Christ in Our Home, Living Love, based upon 1John 3:11-17. She followed the reading with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Mysak presented information for the June, 2010 Financial Report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, was seconded, and was passed. Details of the report are available from the church office, or any Vision Team member upon request.

Minutes of June Mtg./July1 Mtg.: MSP

Agenda:

Special Guests: Strategic Planning Team: Sandra and Karen Colwell and Naida Granmo were special guests who shared with the Vision Team their insights and goals for the K-Hall Building. Due to costly repair work that has been needed for K-Hall, two options were discussed for the future of the building. Option One was to rennovate and/or add on to the existing building. Option Two was to tear down the building and replace it with a new building. Listed are current concerns/problems with the existing building:

1. The Sunday School classes need more room; especially, in light of the increasing numbers of students attending the classes.
2. The Supply Room is also sharing space with a classroom.
3. Is there a need for more meeting rooms? Food Bank customers often have to stand outside during inclement weather while waiting for food boxes. The Youth Room is not handicapped accessible which limits available space for customers waiting for food.
4. Roof will need to be replaced at a considerable cost in the future. Repairs have been done to prevent water damage with a warantee for five years.
5. May need to separate community outreach programs from the Sunday School rooms.

Several suggestions to be considered were made after discussion. They include the following:

1. A space utilization study could be done as part of the team's job.
2. Incurring a second mortgage must include good stewardship planning.
3. Visiting other churches to observe how they have constructed their buildings.
4. Using locked cabinets for Sunday School supplies.
5. Build/rennovate an energy efficient structure with water collection as part of the roof design.
6. A questionnaire to be distributed to the current users of the building seeking information on what currently works and what doesn't.
7. Use temporary double wide trailers for Community Outreach Programs while construction is being done.
8. While considering future plans, consider the usage and trend line for a building; where are we headed?
9. A plan for K-Hall should be in place by Dec. 31, 2010.

The Vision Team thanked for the guests for attending and asked for representatives to continue

meeting with the VT for the next couple of months for further discussions about K-Hall and its future.

Old Business:

1. Personnel Policy Update: Terry will email the new policy for all members to read before the August Meeting.
2. Organizational chart of church teams: Robin reported that Terry Wolfe is waiting for the printer issue to be resolved before the chart may be available for the church.
3. MOU update: Terry reported that the MOU is ready to go with one church willing to be a part of a coalition with New Spirit. Terry will keep the VT updated on this issue.
4. Patio cover update: Barb Carty provided pictures of various tencel structures for the patio. Further discussions will include size and cost issues.
5. Pastor Alan reported that there are four working air conditioners for the Sanctuary. There is currently $\frac{3}{4}$ of the money needed to purchase another air conditioner.
6. Robin reminded the VT about the next scheduled work day.

New Business:

1. Seeking New Shores Conference on Sept. 24-25, 2010. Pastor Alan, Barb Carty, and Robin Hughes plan to attend the conference which is focusing on the needs of rural and/or small congregations of mainstream churches. It is for the purpose of revitalizing churches which have been undergoing stress during the past few years. It will be attended by representatives of Methodist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches in the Southwest.

2. Gardening issues: The acquisition of a hydroponic greenhouse was discussed. If purchased, the greenhouse would probably be installed at the far end of the basketball court. It would be used as a teaching tool for individuals who are interested in learning how to grow their own food. The greenhouse is 1400 square feet and 15 feet tall. The asking price was \$7500; however, Pat Kelly has negotiated a lower cost. The Endowment Board, which meets on Thursday of this week, will be asked to fund this project. The Vision Team endorses the purchase of the greenhouse.

3. Funding for church teams: all teams have been asked to report how much of the money they have been allotted for 2010 has been used and to account for how it was used. It has not been used, they have been asked to report, why not?

4. Nominating Committee: A committee for nominating candidates for positions on the Vision Team and on the Endowment Board will consist of the four members of the VT whose terms are completed this year. Those members are Donna Thompson, Richard Siegel, Robin Hughes, and Barbara Verthein

5. Agenda Item for August: Capital Fund Campaign for K-Hall building/rennovations.

6. Devotions for August mtg.: Justin Nast

Closing Prayer: Pastor Alan closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Verthein