

Mission Facility Steering Committee
November 30, 2023

Present: Tom Rich, Kathie Klock, Bill Smith, Max Ragon, Ian Rinken, Jodi Janssen, Bill Smith, Danny Fergen, Marianne Mergen, Mandy Budig, Griffin Veldhuizen, Andrea McCartney, Jon Hiatt, Jarrod Smart, Robbie Veurink, Chase Kramer, Michelle Klobassa, McKenna Shallberg, Debbie Meyer

Tom briefly shared that this coming weekend we will be celebrating the 140th anniversary of Central Church. The History Wall was installed this past week (kudos to Shanna Golden who designed the wall). As we have in the past, we want to continue in the future to be a church that continually invites people. The communication team produced a video that represents lives that have been changed and invitations that have been extended for people to take their next step in faith. The meeting was then opened in prayer.

Fundraising Update

Jon read 1 Chronicles 29 from The Message with the group as this is the blueprint scripture that has been guiding the process. This chapter serves as a reminder of the joy and unity that can come from collective generosity towards a noble cause. It inspires us to give willingly, lead with humility, and trust in God's sovereignty. David's prayer underscores the reality that everything we have is a gift from God and should be used to honor Him. Moreover, the successful transition of leadership from David to Solomon signifies that God's plans transcend individual lifetimes.

We are blessed that we currently have reserves in the bank due to the generosity of folks. Jon shared that they will begin to have some conversations with cornerstone donors. We haven't formally engaged in a contract with consultants for fundraising but are still evaluating and praying about it. He also shared that his devotion for this week was from 1 Chronicles 29 and felt that was not a coincidence but an affirmation!

Communications Update

Jodi shared a document that highlighted our theme "The Invitation". The hope is that this phrase will call people of Central into action as we step into God's plan for expanding the mission of the church. Jodi and Andrea collaborated to come up with some guiding verses as we invite people to Come and See, Follow Jesus, Deny self, Receive the Spirit, Abide in Jesus, Share the Love of Jesus. Communications will have a multi-channel approach using digital, print, large format (history wall) and announcements from the stage. It's imperative that we keep information intentional and fresh. Additionally, we need to communicate the importance of the congregational gathering on January 28.

Update from TSP

Chase then shared three diagrams. He shared that TSP had been collaborating within their office to come up with these diagrams. Tom interjected that the Trustees are currently considering a budget cap and that we might have to consider some of these ideas to be phased.

Chase shared that the current facility consists of 5 separate buildings due to fire walls, Family Life Center, Central Preschool & Kindergarten, Oakwood Chapel, Worship Center and the Administrative Offices.

Diagram #1

- Check-in for Kid Central would be moved to the southeast corner of the building
- Playground is in same general location as it currently is, would be a courtyard with building around it, but open to the sky
- Widen south corridor in CPK (typical for all options)
- Reconfigure nursery spaces (with hopes to make it with a more general purpose in mind)
- Volunteer check-in would be across for Worship Center addition
- Possible 2-story space for CPK (need to find out if that is desired or legal)
- Creation of a production suite/rehearsal space, loading, video space west of WC
- Largest square footage of 3 diagrams
- Renovation of gym to be used for multi-purpose
- All options open up the FLC lobby by removing the walls from the Studio
- New 2-story entry into gym from the west to improve traffic flows on Wednesday night
- Simple office addition to the north

Diagram #2

- This space puts CPK all on one level with potential shell space for future below
- Kid Central check-in occupies area where nursery rooms are currently and nursery rooms move
- Playground moves east, would be a courtyard with building around it, but open to the sky
- Provides lower level space between existing Worship Center & Family Life Center
- Provides the most office expansion (could go up with office space)
- Production spaces located in renovated space west of the Worship Center
- New loading bay for FLC/Table chair storage
- Mechanical space added in lower level
- Parking on north side of building (quantity can be determined by Central since existing parking exceeds that required by zoning)

Diagram #3

- Make the KidCentral check-in area centrally located allowing more visibility and easy flow of foot traffic
- CPK would be on main and lower level
- Playground located to the north (space between Worship Center and FLC)
- More visible entrance for CPK on southeast side
- Less office addition in this proposal (more spaces occupy renovated rooms west of the Worship Center)
- Additional parking on north side of building

Some expressed their feedback regarding the three proposals and TSP will take feedback and attempt to put together another single concept when we meet again in two weeks.