

Council Meeting Minutes May 10, 2014

Present: Bryn Knatterud, Kris Olsen, Lee Diedrick, Lon Erickson, Maren Schultz, Jane Anfang, Pastor Steve Molin, Pastor Sara Spohr

Other attendees: FDC—Vicki Lorenz, Rich Strommen, Dave Booms; Green Space: Kathy Pedersen

Opening Prayer/devotion: Bryn

Presentation from Facilities Development Committee (FDC)

Presented plan for changing building layout to add space on north side of worship center and remove '55 Bldg. Planning of some form or another has been ongoing for 10 yrs or so; there are some health/safety issues with existing Bldg 55. Cost of proposed phase one estimated at \$4 to 5 million. Main space changes to Children's education, nursery, music, preschool. Architectural design to date has been pro-bono (mainly by Jeff Tonkin and Brian Tempas). FDC asked council for approval to solicit request for proposals to conduct a feasibility study for design, funding, etc (RFP is free, rough cost of feasibility study would be ~ \$10,000). Feasibility study would precede any capital campaign, hopefully would occur over summer. Several people have already expressed interest in serving on committee to review proposals and prepare recommendation(s) to council.

Motion made and seconded to pursue RFPs for conducting a feasibility study (no cost) on proposed phase 1 of facilities upgrade. Passed unanimously.

Immediate maintenance issues will be addressed at next council meeting: Steve Henry and Dave Booms will prepare priority list and cost estimates for sidewalk, kitchen maintenance, etc.

Green space strip with frontage on Lexington: Kathy Pederson

Strip of land that goes from Bruce Russell park out to Lexington, roughly 80' wide x 600' long (market value roughly \$100-150K). It is not contiguous to RLC property because park land intervenes. One family along Roselawn whose back yard abuts this strip approached RLC about possibility of purchasing. It currently has garden spot on it, but shade makes growing conditions difficult. It does end up as periodic party space and garbage dump for apartments. RLC currently pays taxes (\$2234) on that space even as non-profit, because we are not using the space for a ministry function. Maybe additional annual maintenance costs of say (\$300-500).

Examples of alternative use options: 1) upgraded community garden (probably would require cutting down trees, new soil); 2) storage facility; 3) labyrinth; 4) new child care/pre-school. Land probably wouldn't be of huge interest to Roseville parks, but should contact them.

Decided to move forward to solicit information and then select realtor for marketing property (currently zoned residential; non-homesteaded). Selling of property requires 2/3 vote by congregation.

Stewardship survey presentation—Discovery Project -- Grace Duddy (Kairos & synod stewardship table) and Peter Bauck (Luther seminary student---data analysis)

Discovery Project came out of synod: help congregations identify strengths and weaknesses of financial stewardship

Survey included RLC & 5 other smaller congregations: 238 of 438 participants were from RLC.

More than half of respondents (both at RLC and other congregations) were female and 50-69 years old;

Biggest motivator for giving is feeling of gratefulness for what one has been given

Strengths of RLC: prayer about tithing, feeling that gifts/money make a difference.

Growth areas for RLC: only 27% say very involved, 40% trust leadership, and 8% say know a great deal” of how money is being spent (but maybe 30% more knew “quite a bit”).

Majority of respondents at RLC and elsewhere are unsure if money management resources are available at their church.

Jane Anfang will forward stewardship survey results to council. Some discussion of ways to follow up and to share results of survey, and ways to get input from younger families, to be continued at next meeting.