

EUCC Governing Body Meeting Minutes -- January 19, 2010

Present: Laura B., Katy, Laura E., Wynn, Ken, Paul, Lil, Lori, Ruth, Patty

Not present: Debbie, Janet

6:30 Gather, centering prayer

6:45 Building Committee Update –Doug, Gary. Power point presentation

Three components rather than the originally-hoped-for four: south wall replacement, upgrade and move electrical system, replace roof over narthex and education building. Now excluded is HVAC replacement, which would have added an additional \$147,000 plus extended borrowing with added interest. With current pledges, cost is estimated to be \$513,500, with financing to cover the time gap between construction and fulfillment of pledges, by 2013.

Discussion of establishing a “cornerstone fund” to set aside money on a regular basis for unanticipated major expenses (e.g., if the HVAC ceases to function).

Addressing repairs of the 212 building is not part of the Building Campaign, and never was.

Lori moved to accept the Building Committee motion, seconded by Patty, with unanimous approval by voice vote: *

The congregation of EUCC approves construction of three elements of the Master Plan at an anticipated project cost of \$513,500. The three elements are:

- 1) *Replacement of the South Wall,*
- 2) *Replacement of roof,*
- 3) *Relocation and update of the electric service.*

This project will be financed to cover project costs during the gap between construction payments and receipt of pledges.

**NOTE: Underlined portions of the above the motion were slightly amended, for clarity, for the Sunday, January 24 presentations: “The Building Committee moves that the congregation of EUCC approve...”*

Construction is slated to begin after Easter, and estimated to last three months.

7:30 Budget discussion. Noted that the July 2009 deficit is erased with an end of year surplus of \$5,050. Pledging families’ giving has increased. The building fund pledging stands at \$686,000. The Worship Team asks that all expenses be listed in the budget.

Lil moved that a “Capital Reserve Asset” item be listed as part of the Facilities Team budget, equal to .05% (1/2 of 1 %) of the annual budget, to be rolled over to an asset at the end of each fiscal year. Lori seconded, with unanimous approval by voice vote.

Ken moved that the proposed budget be approved at approximately \$320,000; Lori seconded, with unanimous approval by voice vote.

8:15 Minutes from *December meeting* approved, *with changes as noted*, to be added to revised minutes as submitted to the church office:

- Facilities Team has discussed but does not now have long-term or short-term plans to present
- Wynn and Katy will meet to determine staff moves to 212
- A 212 Circle is to come back to the GB with recommendations for GB to consider; a 212 Circle is now under the Facilities Team

8:30 Extended discussion of **212 building**. Why maintain it if not used. Is the most effective use of the 212 to move staff of move programming into it? Wynn to meet with broker on Thursday [Jan. 21] for answers. Question raised about who would work on the issue of staff moving to 212? Also, will long-term plans come from the Facilities Team or the GB? [Probably from Facilities, submitted to GB for action.]

Ruth moved that “212 building will be used for program and staff as needed during construction, in the most cost-effective way.” Laura E. seconded, with unanimous approval by voice vote. Input from users to be sought.

9:15 Consideration of **By-Laws**: is a language change needed to address how many members of the congregation are required to pass the building committee recommendation: 15% quorum or simple majority? Laura B. to send by-laws to GB [Note: arrived January 26 by email.]

9:20 Consideration of upcoming **Congregational Meetings**:

Jan. 24 (Building Committee presentation)

Jan. 31 (Building Committee/ Capital Campaign vote)

Questions: Need 80% of members present or simple majority? Use a paper ballot?

Feb. 7 (Annual meeting, budget vote)

Miscellany

pews' disposition update: six now in use in the church, six to be given away (EUCC members first choice, with some donation to EUCC requested)

Laura B. expressed concern that congregational meetings need to focus on ministry rather than always on bricks and mortar and money

how will congregational members be notified of the upcoming meetings and proposed building vote? Postcard?

Email? Phone tree to be implemented, Lil to send out name lists for GB to call.

Lori reminded GB that University of Georgia students are arriving

9:30 Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Mack, Secretariat

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