

Building Renovation Proposal Feedback

(March 2016 congregational meeting)

What people liked about the proposal:

1. Feels positive, looks good
2. Excited about proposal
3. Whole new space
4. More space in general
5. Flexibility of space
6. Good use of current space
7. Not building in two directions
8. Design driven by practical concerns
9. No interruption during construction (3x)
10. Efficiency and simplicity of the plan
11. Additions rather than renovation, should save money
12. Using the existing moveable wall
13. Reusing much of the space
14. Reusing old section with minimal alteration
15. No nursery space- window- silence but still apart
16. Like condensed, not too much bigger
17. Like setting limit on size- can't fit much more into context
18. This is big enough (do not build larger)
19. Sanctuary completely separate (2x)
20. Not messing around with current worship space
21. Creating new worship space instead of retrofitting existing one
22. Love separating worship space from current one
23. More permanent worship space (like that there's no pillars)
24. New worship space is more inclusive than present space with baby cave
25. No need to put up chairs
26. Entrance an option for overflow of worship space
27. Some plan for expanding entrance
28. Finally attractive entry (2x) with flat roof
29. Raised roof entry
30. Side windows in front
31. Windows between entryway and worship space
32. Wider gathering spaces
33. Clear entrance from parking lot. One knows where to go.
34. Big parking lot
35. Flow seems good between sanctuary and multi-purpose space
36. Like way flow from worship to multipurpose
37. Good flow for fellowship meals
38. Double doors into library- great access for children
39. Good number of classrooms
40. SS perspective all rooms in one building, can leave supplies in room.
41. 11 SS rooms
42. rooms will have more space without WH furniture and supplies
43. Good SS rooms
44. Office space for pastors
45. Each pastor have own office, more time together interfacing with each other
46. Impressed with offices and space set off from other activities
47. Enough offices
48. Meeting/board room
49. Meeting space
50. Bathrooms close to worship space
51. Bathrooms without searching
52. Gender neutral bathrooms
53. Love the showers
54. There is an only clock where you go in

Concerns/Questions/Suggestions:

SANCTUARY SIZE

1. Worship space- room for growth?
2. Are we too close to capacity?
3. Is worship space big enough to serve the functions we can't have or struggle with now; e.g. Easter, a funeral or wedding, when we lose space to a string quartet?
4. Too small- add a few feet. Plan for growth? Only 20 more people. (2x)
5. Wonder about size- not expandable- worship space
6. How much can we enlarge worship space without more classrooms/needs
7. How does square footage of worship space compare to present and baby cave?
8. New worship space feels more like stage and audience rather than participatory. Is proposed space too deep?

OTHER WORSHIP SPACE ISSUES

9. Windows to South? Sun problems
10. Lighting- windows & space for permanent projection: Need to be able to control lighting, daylight
11. Light: worship facing South
12. Want to hear about quality of light in WS
13. Indirect light in worship space
14. Windows between entryway and worship space should open
15. Where will the stained glass windows end up?
16. What kind of windows (air flow)- air conditioning?
17. Air conditioning in worship space
18. Suggest talking with the dance group about dancing on cement floor in the new worship space during performances
19. No dance floor in worship space- rehearsal worship dance on cement
20. Worship space Acoustics (3x)
21. Get an acoustical engineer in sooner rather than later
22. Hope for optimal sound system to enhance those with limited hearing.

CLASSROOMS

23. Small MYF room?
24. Small classrooms hallway at NE corner where old offices are
25. Are classrooms large enough?
26. Must pass through some classrooms to get to another (4x), specifically rooms 7, 8, 11
27. Count of classrooms
28. Might need more than 11 SS rooms
29. Where Children in Worship room?
30. Can't visualize how classrooms would look when divided- how to access

NURSERY

31. Nursery for babies?
32. Nursery room
33. Where to hang out with child during worship?
34. No nursery space- window
35. Existing baby cave part of culture- do we realize what we are taking away- what about noise (2x)

INTERNAL SPACE/FLOW

36. Focus on internal flow
37. How does traffic flow at coffee times?
38. Function of entryway, mailboxes and place to hang coats?
39. Mailboxes, coat area
40. Place to hang coats?
41. Not enough doors into sanctuary need longer entrance from foyer
42. Door to playground from entry area
43. Storage spaces
44. Can sections at the building be locked to limit access to rest of the building during public events? Important if outside groups use the building
45. Can completely close off MP space? (Keep children out during first hour?)
46. Multipurpose separated from worship- can't set up for meal during service
47. Why library doors open into multipurpose space- not gathering space?
48. Why leave the library in current place? Best place?
49. Renovate and expand kitchen (2x)

BATHROOMS

50. Enough bathrooms for number of people?
51. Need individual bathrooms?
52. Will there be infant baby changing spaces in new bathrooms?
53. 4 total showers
54. Ensure wheelchair accessible bathrooms and comfort height toilets.
55. Redo old bathrooms (2x) they smell

OUTSIDE

56. Will it be clear from 11th street where to go to enter parking lot?
57. Entryway is difficult to see from street
58. Design of parking
59. Important: aesthetics of entrance. Attractive?
60. How far handicap parking to entry? Drive up?
61. Amount of parking (seems like a lot)
62. Do we have more parking spaces than we need?
63. Are talks with city occurring about water, drainage issues?
64. Details of plans for memorial garden
65. How to incorporate green space
66. Might we obtain a variance to afford space for plants?

COST

67. Cost? always an issue, where do funds come from? (2x)
68. Break down estimate: -old renovation, new sanctuary, heating/cooling

MISC.

69. Solar panels or geo thermal location
70. The basic shape of the building has a big impact
71. Don't wait until the foot print is fixed. Then you're not applying band aids.
72. Anxiety about "traditional" church designs
73. Are we keeping to the simplicity (look and feel)- preference to keep it simple, not ostentatious
74. Pay attention to aesthetics
75. A lot of unused space during the week
76. Missing the basement
77. Will this encourage students taking leadership?