

Notes from 01/13/2008 congregational meeting

Have We Heard Your Concerns?

- Yes, heard concerns
- Yes 6 comments
- Cost 3 comments
- Need space for planning children's worship
- Nursery issue re: separation from parents during education time and program –might need two nursery's
- Prioritization of work needs 1, 2, 3
- The office and fellowship hall on the first floor of Andrews Hall
- Nursery should be in sanctuary building
- Class rooms in basement/fellowship hall
- Majority of questions have been answered. Thank you for listening and responding
- Money
- Project to be done in phases
- Agree that our Major concerns are being effectively addressed
- Classroom size and number
- Multi use capability of space
- Raised platform presentation area
- No. Have they planned for the ability of this plan to allow congregation to grow and afford the changes that are proposed.
- In addition to classrooms, are bathrooms with easy access to all going to be included in the master plan
- Robing area going to expand
- Why are we making these changes?
- Is it the impact on missions
- How would funds be apportioned between facility and outreach
- What does "green" mean environmental impact?
- Prioritize immediate needs can we phase in the project?
- There are capital campaigns in other institutions right now too.
- What is the expected impact of the other new churches in the area?
- Handicap parking or valet parking for the disabled to private commercial lot on Court Street
- Important to use whole space at 109
- Build out Church building on Mercer Grave side
- Gathering room on connecting bridge make it wide (with a kitchen?)
- Andrews Hall more floors?
- Not reducing seating capacity in Sanctuary
- Can 109 Mechanics Street building be saved--- possibly a teen center
- Parking lot to sanctuary accessibility
- Verify that Heritage Tower and Pine Run have been included in the process
- Balconies in the Sanctuary
- Emergency evacuation plan for special needs Is this included in accessibility
- Bridge/something else from parking lot to Andrew's Hall (safety issues
- Pick up /drop off space?
- Utility sink/craft space (e.g. sinks to clean paint brushes)
- Is playground compliant with day care regulations?

What Excites You About What You Have Heard Today?

- Taking all properties that we own into consideration
- Parking is being addressed
- Security concerns are being addressed
- Making use of 109
- Plans regarding children and space
- More friendly to those with needs
- Eliminating slope from parking lot
- Bridge between buildings 2 comments
- More security/offices on first floor
- Two-tiered parking area
- Improved security
- Accessibility in buildings
- Bigger chancel space
- Office and fellowship are on Mechanics Street level
- Improve entrance and configuration of Andrews Hall kitchen
- Improving Andrews Hall
- Size of today's crowd
- "Campus View" of entirety
- Parking importance
- Additional parking
- Forward looking Maintains DPC Presence in Boro
- Shows congregation is spiritually alive
- Parking at 109 and/or expansion of Andrew Hall
- Move offices to first floor
- Coffee hour in sanctuary building
- Nursery in sanctuary building
- Green building
- Scope and breadth of this project
- Bridge concept very exciting
- Tier parking
- Improved security
- Many options being considered
- Parking lot
- Opening are below sanctuary
- Changing space of Andrews Hall (level building?)
- Welcoming space look of buildings
- Connected buildings
- Nothing has been decided yet, still very open to discussion
- What will we do with 109
- Nursery in the church building
- Bridge.....
- Making the changes more handicapped accessible
- Improve utilities and infrastructure
- Better parking
- Additional space for education
- Relocate sacred grounds or fellowship closer to worship service
- Moving Fellowship back to the sanctuary building
- Level of interest in the congregation

- More convenient/safer parking
- Gaining 109 as a useable space
- Seem feasible
- Accessibility is a key issue
- Fellowship space essential to bridging 2 services time frames
- Andrews Hall facelift
- Tear down 109
- Office on first floor/security improved
- Terraced lot
- Bridge is important
- Handicap needs to be met
- Lighting improvements in Sanctuary
- Celtic Cross room/pass through
- Expansion of Chancel space
- Nursery placement next to Sanctuary
- Gathering welcome space first floor office space
- Additional space
- Resolution of 109 building
- Connecting Sanctuary with Andrews Hall
- Can we demolish Andrews Hall?
- More restrooms ---upgrade!
- More worship space and flexibility
- Support of music program
- The openness to change is exciting -----committee has listened well
- Terracing and expanding parking lot
- Bridge between buildings
- Re-routing Mechanics Street is intriguing
- Nursery relocation will be good for visitors
- “GREEN” energy efficiency
- Campus idea super
- Seating in circular or semi-circular fashion (sanctuary) instead of linear as it is now
- Changing the façade of Andrews Hall to stone material to match church
- Use basement as usable space is great idea
- Place nursery there (basement) or have coffee hour [really sacred undergrounds] hour there so members can travel vertically after the service to the “basement”
- 109 move or tear down

What Else Do We Need To Consider?

- If the nursery is in the sanctuary... how will we offer childcare during the evening (for parents attending meetings--- will we have 2 nursery rooms?
- If going to bridge to Andrews Hall Why not a tunnel instead?
- Can we buy the street and move it behind Andrews Hall?
- Can Andrews Hall have another floor?
- Need to take into account needs of nursery school and those who rent space (and provide needed income to church)
- Do we really need a gym? Can be made into two floors so have a fellowship hall and space above?
- Can we save 109?
- Storage— - - - - - 2 responses
- Cost - - - - - - -5 comments
- Amount of parking for the future
- Open space use of flexible classrooms
- Should we tear down and start over
- Materials to consider –tile versus carpet
- Nursery –Stay in Andrews Hall used for other days other than Sunday am—space issues
- Formal request of Boro to close Mechanics Street (utilities under the street)
- Slowing traffic on Church and Mechanics Street with bumps and sleeping policeman
- Expand 3rd floor over roofs of second floor.
- Timing of funding and scope of cost
- Real Needs
- Stewardship impact (limited funds)
- Handicap parking— - - - - 3 comments
- Financial repercussions
- Are we looking far enough ahead to next generation's needs
- Prioritizing
- Growth
- Parking lot to church
- Implementation/cultural ideas/changes that address how we maintain what is added into open spaces.
- Building connective spaces wide enough to enable people to sit down and talk
- How will we use 109 land?
- Third floor over classroom addition
- Larger elevator to handle funeral needs (coffins)
- Population growth projections
- Interim facilities
- Off site van service for parking
- Will disruption impact attendance/income permanently
- Solve personnel problems first
- Add a full third floor to Andrews Hall
- Sanctuary balcony
- Is the quality of the staff or the facility that drives membership growth?
- Children's worship space
- Nursery in Andrew's Hall during weekday activities
- Multi level parking
- Maxing out Andrews Hall space up and out
- Tunnel under street to basement of Sanctuary
- Elevator expansion
- Music warm up room for use just prior to and during church service

- Time line for decision and construction
- Construction while using facilities—staging
- Access from Church Street parking lot to Andrews Hall (safety)
- Outdoor gathering area (summer)
- “Green” building practices
- What happens during transition period (relocation?)
- Multiple variations on master plan (Chevy versus Cadillac options?)
- Can Andrews Hall be annexed to church (with rerouted Mechanics Street)
- Add another floor to Andrews Hall
- Updated efficiency to save cost of current systems
- Are there grants available for energy measures, historical renovation and accessibility
- Timeline for this project
- Capital campaign: when to start? How much?
- Broader participation in plan discussion to yield broader participation in capital campaign
- Visit Ann’s Choice to look at bridges

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(Summary of Comments)

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2. Program / Staffing Comments

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3. Safety Comments

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4. Design Comments

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5. Schedule / Phasing Comments

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6. Cost / Fund-Raising Comments

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