

Summary of March 2, 2019 SUMC Facilities Vision and Planning Committee Meetings

Report was given on the current building project for Saint Antony's Episcopal Church in Silverdale.

Their overall building cost is 2.1 million dollars for a 6,000 square foot facility. This includes one building with a flexible space for worship and fellowship, some additional rooms for Sunday School and a non-commercial kitchen. In the future they will add an additional building for an additional cost.

Handout regarding church finances and tithing written by Larry Eddings was reviewed. This is something that we will need to revisit as we start financial planning, and a plan will be made to present this to the congregation.

SUMC Response to Special Conference: The committee reviewed a document titled "What Really Happened in St. Louis", written by Thomas Lambrecht. The Traditional Plan was passed at the conference and is now going to a review by the Judicial Committee. The Committee suggested that Pastor John use this article as a point of review for the congregational meeting scheduled this Sunday after the service. We are encouraged to continue to PRAY.

Words To Action: Small and large group discussions on three areas.

In-reach Ideas:

1. Add "welcomers" to the ushering team. These individuals would not be the ones handing out bulletins, but instead would focus solely on greeting others, helping people become comfortable, finding seating, etc.
2. Create a "Handy Helpers" group to assist congregation members with varying tasks—everything from repair help to housecleaning to helping with taxes. Also create a list of local home repair businesses that congregants recommend.
3. Survey the congregation about changing the Sunday format to be a Sunday morning worship only, with a Sunday dinner time that would include Sunday School and possibly other special activities.

Worship Ideas:

1. Start and end the service on time
2. Other recommendations related to worship will be taken to Pastor John and Shyrl by Chris Wyatt and Brett Hall.

Outreach Ideas:

1. Increase advertising using a variety of mediums – newspapers, brochures, etc. Do a special outreach to the Navy.
2. Establish an "older folks workout" for free to encourage health.
3. Offer free cooking classes in our kitchen.
4. Sponsor Parent Night Out
5. Sponsor tutoring
6. Have pancake breakfast and/or spaghetti feed for fundraisers and to bring the community in.
7. Shift some focus "inward" to take care of ourselves, too.

Windermere Presentation:

Julie Jablonski from Windermere Real Estate presented information for us to consider as we decide the future of our building and land. She recommended that we carefully consider our mission and goals before proceeding. (This is the work that the committee is currently engaged in.) Current commercial land in Silverdale is selling for \$18 to \$25 per square foot, with some areas as high as \$40 to \$50 per sq. ft. Our current property value is estimated to be approximately 5.5 million dollars (land and building). It might sell for as much as 7 to 8 million, depending on what is planned for the site. There are MANY

requirements that have to be considered before getting a good grasp of what we can sell for – parking/easements/environmental impact/etc. She cautioned us to be sure that if we decide to work with a developer, that they have our best interest in mind, and not their own.

Next Steps:

- Next meetings will be March 23rd and 30th, from 9am to noon. Our March 23rd meeting will be spent formulating our response to church council about building needs and the direction we believe God is directing us to take.
- There will be an all-church meeting on Sunday, April 7th after the service to present the committee recommendations.
- Church Council will be advised of and asked to approve any surveys we take. They will also be asked about budgeting for advertising.