

Church Conference

Waterville United Methodist Church

April 5, 2009

1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Mike Denman at 1:31 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Sixty people were in attendance: fifty-three members eligible to vote, five non-members, Rev. Steve Rath and Rev. Mike Denman. The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Rath.

The meeting was then turned over to David Landis, who introduced the PowerPoint presentation. (This was the same presentation that was given to the Maumee Watershed District Committee on Building and Relocation on March 24, 2009.) Jim Page, Jr. presented the section on Mission and Ministry. Dick George informed those present on the Financial Plan of the overall project, and Bob Spychalski shared the Building Plan section of the presentation with those in attendance.

At the conclusion of the presentation, David Landis asked for a motion to accept the following recommendations:

- Approval of the Mission and Ministry Plan in conjunction with the new facility to be erected on Waterville-Monclova Road
- Approval of the finance plan of the overall project, specifically to begin Phase 1 of the new facility
- Approval for spending needed funds from the Capital Funds Campaign to secure an architectural firm and begin preliminary construction drawings.

Mr. David Stafford made the motion to accept the three recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Wiggins.

The floor was then opened for discussion. The following points/questions were raised by those attending the meeting:

- How much will the architectural drawings cost?
- Have we contacted more than one architectural firm to provide drawings?
- Will the monies from the sale of the parsonage really be able to be used for the new building, or will it need to be set aside to be used for the pastor's housing?
- Will we have enough room for our outreach to continue in the new Phase 1 facility if we don't have a Fellowship Hall?

- What will be the number of square feet in the new Narthex?
- Will we be going back and forth between the new facility and our current building during construction of Phase 1 and Phase 2?
- We want to make sure before we start turning ground that this new facility is much more than we currently have here.
- Will the choir be singing from the rear of the new Sanctuary?
- Why will the Narthex be so large?
- Will there be classrooms in the Narthex?
- What will be the square foot size of Phase 1?
- What will the basement be used for?
- Are the utilities included in the Phase 1 cost?
- Are we sure we have the finances for all three Phases?
- Have we considered what it will cost to “moth-ball” our current facility if it doesn’t sell?
- Can we get both a model and a three-dimensional tour from architectural firms that provide drawings?
- Will the \$2.3 million initial investment include everything including furnishings?
- Will we be taking anything with us from our current facility to the new building?
- If we take items from our current kitchen to the new building, we won’t sell this facility.
- Can we vote on each of the three recommendations separately?
- What happens if the vote is “No”? Then what?
- Will the Building Committee continue to ask for the congregation’s input?
- Building Committee Meetings are always open to anyone who wants to come and provide input.

Dave Landis handed out the ballots. While ballots were being passed out, Rev. Mike Denman gave some closing comments and then offered a prayer before those in attendance marked their ballots. While the voting was taking place and the ballots were being collected and counted, Rev. Steve Rath played the piano and the congregation sang “Great is Thy Faithfulness.”

Ballots were counted by David Stafford, JoAnn Lucas and Cathy Landis.

The results were as follows:

YES – 50

NO – 3

ABSTAIN – 0

The congregation applauded when the voting results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Landis