

September 9 Church Council Minutes Continued

After Judy talked about the Ad Hoc Committee (hereafter **AHC**) and the possibility of FUMC leasing space to Loveland Preschool (LPS), she opened the floor for discussion and questions. Here is what was recorded on the chart paper:

- If there is construction on the second floor of the (now) education wing, issues include the pipes (copper?); concrete floors (pre-stress?).
- Trustees are involved in planning. The preschool opportunity came along very unexpectedly with a deadline of Nov 1st to let LPS know if we can commit to leasing to them. Trustees are represented on the AHC investigating possibilities.
- If there are significant changes in the building, the Charge Conference votes on them. The CC is comprised of Church Council and all retired clergy who have membership in this church.
- How will the addition of the preschool benefit our church?
 - When some members of the AHC visited Wash Park UMC in Denver, they arrived during preschool drop-off. The church was alive with kids and parents. There was a palpable vitality.
 - This is an opportunity to be in ministry to and supportive of our community.
- LPS lost their lease at Mountain View Presbyterian because of a scheduling issue. LPS wanted to have an afternoon session and MVP needed the space.
- Will LPS want an afternoon session? **Yes, if possible.**
- LPS has some funds available to help with renovation and they will pay rent to use the space.
- The renovation will likely involve the 1st and 2nd OR 2nd and 3rd floors.
 - We are talking to people in the potentially affected spaces.
 - NO ONE is getting kicked out.
- Is there a need for air conditioning? Yes, we need splits. **LPS has some window units that can be used.**
- Do we have liability insurance? We are covered as long as all city, health, etc codes are in order. LPS has its own insurance.
- Randy Starr can help with our lease; Matthew Weeber, Conference Chancellor will also assist.
- We will be in contact with Church Mutual.
- Last week's walkthrough with the Fire Marshall: we are missing some exit signs; we can use the balcony space as needed; no red flags.

Jen Kuzmich, LPS Director, arrived with Charlie, Carolyn and Ann. Charlie introduced Jen and the progress we have made so far relative to potentially leasing the space. Jen very enthusiastically described the preschool and answered questions:

- All teachers are certified.
- The program is play-based, no worksheets.
- There are ages 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 classrooms.
- The 4-5 classroom qualifies for Universal Pre-K. There are state funds for all kids one year before K.
- 4-5 classes are 4 days/week; 4 hrs/day. The others are M-W-F or T-Th.
- There are currently 67 students, they can have up to 72.

- The reason for the hurry is that LPS has to have registrations for 2025 in to the state by Nov 1. That date can be moved some, but not a lot.
- When considering the space we need, it is difficult to share space between FUMC and LPS because of the preschool rules.
- There are no security requirements for the preschool.
- LPS is on the same calendar as TSD although they start a week later.
- LPS may ask to use other building spaces occasionally.

Charlie's input:

- Walkthroughs with John Freeman (architect) and Fire Marshall indicated no major obstacles.
- John F can tell us the approximate cost of proposed renovations (with the exception of asbestos issues) within four weeks. If an engineer isn't needed the cost will be less.
- Next steps: find out if it is financially feasible and determine the best course of action.
- Although the goal is to get LPS in here with the least amount of disturbance, this information is needed to make any significant changes in the building.
- **Charlie sent this email a couple of days after the meeting. "I want to pass along some good news. John Freeman and his team are working on our project and we're able to obtain the plans for our building in CAD format. Don't ask me for technicals on what this is. Just know, John said this is a big deal and will save "significant time and money." I suspect he got the previous architect's info from the blueprints that John Kindred found - thank you John K!"**