

## Building Committee Meeting #7 October 2, 2024 3:00 held at KHUMC

In attendance: Alan Thornburg, Jamie McMurtrey, Bill Marchand, Bob Dominicak, Janette Jackmovich, Denny Gorton, Brian Lewis, Tim Reilly, Pastor Sharla McCaskell  
Missing: Rod Todd

1. Prayer led by Tim Reilly
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting. Bob moved to approve. Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Vote to approve minutes of September 11, 2024 was passed.
3. Discussion about Demographics, Pastor Sharla had a study from 2022 that looks at 1 mile around our church. Bob will review and bring any solid findings to our next meeting. Pastor Sharla also presented a quartered city map of church attendees. The NE quarter of the city has 45, NW quarter which is where the church is located has 56, SW quarter has 20, and the SE quarter has 55. This shows us that a lot of people travel to our church from other parts of the city.
4. Alan will prepare an Update to be presented in the Newsletter and should be submitted by the end of October.
5. Denny shared his thoughts on a plan to keep the congregation updated on what is happening in the Building Committee. He proposed a 5–7-minute presentation for 2 weeks in a row then change the topic every 2 weeks to prepare the congregation to make a test pledge in January 2025 to help us determine our congregation's giving power.
6. It was decided that Jamie will start on October 13<sup>th</sup> with a "Building Committee Update" – we have been meeting every 2 weeks – we have been discovering the process by having meetings with Dan Bader our DS and with Bob Rudebush – we have and are, visiting properties as they become available for fit and comparison – we are reading a Capitol Campaign Book and reviewing a packet of information from the Foundation – we established our Vision and Mission statements with the Round Table and reviewed our Congregational Values – We are exploring each of the 3 options that were presented before and at the Charge Conference.
7. Weeks 3&4: Present our Vision and Mission Statements and Congregational Values - Review that we have \$500,000 in the Foundation currently – Re-present the cost of the 3 options – Present the fundraising goal
8. Janette is working on our Congregational prayer and a short testimony that will be presented for weeks 5&6.
9. Weeks 7&8 Educate congregation on options for giving and that we will be taking a anonymous ballot poll to help determine our fundraising potential in January 2025. We plan to be done with these Updates by the first week of December so

they do not interfere with the Christmas season and in this time our Congregation will be in prayerful consideration.

10. We reviewed that with 83 giving units and the need for at least 1 million dollars, we will need to investigate Grants. We discussed the length of the Campaign with options of 2 or 3 years and how we would word the test giving ballots.
11. Tim has talked to Pam about building the ability to post our meeting minutes on our website and it is not working yet. He will reach out again. We may need to ask for a helper to help design and update our website pages.
12. Location considerations were discussed. Are we currently in a Danger Zone and would it prevent us from attaining our Vision and Mission?
13. Discussion regarding Consolidation possibly with Open Heart. We should at least ask about the feasibility, and can we integrate our strengths together to build a better church? Their strengths: Programming for preschool, youth, Solar Oven, Elementary outreach, people to help run programs.
14. The topic of the possibility of the Conference building a New Rapid City Church in the next 10 years due to the expected growth and if this would happen if we had struggling churches in the city. Pastor Sharla will ask Dan Bader, DS about this.
15. We went to visit the church that is for sale at 610 St. Francis Street.

Our next meetings will held October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the church.