**Capital Campaign Discernment Phase News**

We held our 3rd and final day of discernment meetings for the Capital Campaign on Sunday 11/5. We had a total of 16 participants at that meeting, and 51 overall so far. We also held a meeting with 7 youngsters to get their point of view. Here's what people talked about:

**There continues to be a lot of energy around giving the main church a facelift with:**

-  taking up the carpet,

-  refinishing the wood floors,

-  adding new carpet runners,

-  painting the main church,

-  repairing cracked windows and removing film off large north window,

-  refinishing the pews, and

-  addressing the lighting (brightening up the chandeliers/sconces, new light bulbs, and adding more lighting, perhaps some dramatic lighting over the altar.)

**There was a lot of agreement around:**

-  projects needed at the rectory (including new siding, structural issues of cracks in chimney, foundation, and front stoop, rear entrance portico/overhang with widening of steps and possible ramp, front door replacement, and inadequate heat in the kitchen)

-  building some sort of mounting/display for our steeple bell that currently sits on the library floor

-  air conditioning the main church

-  bringing the fire alarm and carbon monoxide detection systems up to code

-  reconfiguring the annex space

-  handicapped accessibility at the front entrance:  possibly a chair lift or a portico extension with a ramp on one side and stairs on the other for the entrance, handicapped parking spots, better signage outside for the elevator.

**Additional items discussed were:**

-  adding water filtration system

-  purchasing a laser color printer for in-house printing

-  moving the electric meter to the outside of the building

-  updating the youth room space

-  removing the carpet in the Narthex and attending to noise abatement in that space

-  installing a rod to hang the plastic by the elevator stairwell that prevents the A/C from going up the stairs

-  purchasing a magnetic easel for Outreach notices

- adding candle torches to the aisle pews

- getting a new candelabra for the Narthex

**The children's perspective:**

-  power washing the church

-  making the stones around the garden more colorful

-  painting the main church and fix the cracks in the walls

-  getting better lighting in Miller Hall

-  buying a shed to store the gardening tools

- fixing the cracked windows but keeping the beautiful glass

-  replacing window panes with stained glass

**And a review of other items from previous meetings:**

-  replacing one hot water heater

-  adding a walkway to the labyrinth with signage, a kiosk with information, and more outdoor seating

-  reconfiguring the north transcept to become a devotional space

-  dedicated rooms for tweens and teens

-  the possibility of the church being declared a historic landmark

-  more parking

-  adding a privacy fence around the garbage

-  fixing the water drainage on the north lawn

-  purchasing built-in generator

-  repairing the organ bench

-  purchasing a new type of display/sign up board for outreach ministries

-  creating a space for choir robes up on the main level

-  making the loft into usable space

-  fixing the broken eagle on the indoor flagpole

-  upgrading to padded kneelers

-  updating hymn board with new numbers/letters

-  repairing crack in ceiling above the altar

-  purchasing white boards and devote space to new music ministry of teaching children to play xylophones

-  looking into restoring the wood under the windows in the main church

-  purchasing a new dishwasher (to handle high volume of dishes with less pre-scrubbing needed)

-  purchasing new front doors with side lites; there's a big gap under the doors now that lets cold air in

-  restoring the carillon to working order

-  making Miller Hall look more like a dining hall to attract those who might want to rent the space (possibly update the ceiling, lighting, add round tables, stainless countertop/shelving with access from kitchen and dining room sides, add sound system)

Thank you for your thoughtful time in this visioning process.  It has been a positive, productive and enlightening experience dialoguing with you all as we think about ***What would it be great if we could do?***

***Stay tuned for the next steps...***

Peace and thanks,

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