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CUUF New Building Task Force – Meeting Minutes Meeting: October 18, 2024, at 11 am

The NBTF met at CUUF. In attendance: Emily Siroky, Leslie Marshall, LeRoy Farmer and Steve Clem.

Based upon the feedback forms received from those attending the Sunday forum, the top three choices for a new building, in order of preference, are:

1. Build a smaller, less expensive building on the north lot that allows for expansion in the future.
2. Buy an existing building and sell the CUUF property.
3. Build a smaller, less expensive building at another location that allows for expansion in the future and sell the CUUF property.

Alternative 1 provides the most “control” of our future. Alternatives 2 and 3 depend on existing building/land availability.

The Grace Lutheran Church in Cashmere was raised as a building that may be available for purchase. There does not appear to be any church activity in the building, and the church’s website has not been updated for at least 18-24 months. Based on the Assessor’s information, the building has approximately 3,000 square feet on the main floor and 1,700 square feet in the basement.

When considering a new building design for CUUF, it was agreed that the sanctuary could be downsized to accommodate 100-120 attendees comfortably and that only one classroom/meeting room was needed for RE.

Emily agreed to follow up on Grace Lutheran Church and to report back.

Steve agreed to call Mark Neal, CUUF’s architect, to set up a short meeting and get feedback on how CUUF can effectively reduce construction costs. Steve will also request an estimate for the additional architectural services and report back.

Once the information is obtained, the NBTF believes it is appropriate to have the Administrator send out a congregation-wide email with a link to a survey about the top three alternatives. NBTF has feedback from 27 respondents. Wider congregational input is desirable.

Once the feedback is obtained, the NBTF will ask the Board to schedule a congregational meeting to discuss the top alternatives and vote on a path forward.

The next NBTF meeting is November 15, at 11 am, at CUUF.