

FUMC Building Committee Minutes
April 16, 2009

In attendance: Brad A'Hearn, Gene Gerber, Tom Padley, Linda Kelley, Al Beach, Dana Mortensen, Doug Martin, Suzanne Haehlen, Sean Poston, Jerry Van Dyke, Mike Morgan

1. An update was given by the property acquisition subcommittee. A.) There was a meeting with Scott Olson, commercial real estate broker, on April 9. This meeting concerned one of the properties being considered for purchase in the Highway 13 corridor and recent updates from the owner. While these were very favorable developments, the committee has questions regarding pending utilities assessments. Jerry will follow up with an email to Scott. B.) Marion's "Imagine Eight" program has generated interest in a centrally located senior center as well as a fine arts/community theater center in Marion. There have been serious inquiries regarding our current church building as a possibility to serve these needs. C.) Another property near the demographic corridor of our church has become available and discussions are ongoing regarding possible terms/costs. D.) the YMCA and other Christian based entities remain interested in partnering with us in this project.
2. Richard Bice was invited to report on concepts for phase I of the fundraising campaign. The committee gave approval for Richard to proceed within the guidelines of consensus at the February Charge Conference. The committee discussed many fundraising ideas and the fundraising subcommittee will be putting together an outline for future phases for discussion at the May meeting.
3. Sean Poston reported on the communication plan developed by the communications subcommittee. The Christian Community concept will be part of the "Forty Days of Community" campaign. Various aspects of our vision will be gradually put together as part of the Marion Methodist publications in upcoming weeks. There will be a culminating presentation to the congregation at the end of the "Forty Days of Community" program. Sean and subcommittee members will be presenting these ideas to the church council on Monday evening, April 20.
4. Jerry will give an update to the church council on Monday, April 20.
5. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 pm.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm after a closing prayer by Pastor Mike.