

Building Committee Meeting
March 19, 2009
7:00 pm
Church Library

In attendance: Brad A'Hearn Al Beach, Gene Gerber, Susanne Haehlen, Linda Kelly, Kay McGuire, Mike Morgan, Dana Mortensen, Tom Padley, Sean Poston, Jerry Van Dyke, and Linda Jenkins

Pastor Mike opened with a prayer.

40 Days of Community

- 3D visual
- 5-7 minutes
- Possible date is May 31, 2009, for visual presentation to the congregation
- Small insert in bulletin
- Pastor Mike suggested rehearsing it at Church Council in April for some good feedback.

Al wants to remind everyone in the congregation that we have not secured any land.

Fundraising

- Richard Bice presented the idea of selling legacy/memorial gardens on the future church site as a fundraiser for a new church site.
- Gardens would be modeled after the Rotary International Gardens in Janesville, Wisconsin
- Richard is interested in heading this campaign and thinks it could raise significant capital for a land purchase.
- Our committee needs to talk to the church Finance Committee and the Trustees for approval of any fundraising campaign.
- There is a lot of consensus for the gardens within our committee.
- We need to know who takes care of the gardens?
- How much of the proceeds will be needed for actual construction/design of gardens?
- How much are the sub-plots?

When is the appropriate time to present the overall fundraising campaign?

We need a strategy to reach out to big donors.

We need to have different opportunities for people to donate money for this project.

Jerry met with Bob Carlson, and the YMCA is still interested in partnering with FUMC. YMCA is also visiting with other organizations regarding possible partnerships.

The Boys and Girls Club are also looking for someone to partner with in Marion.

Jerry will contact Scott Olson to let him know we are still in the hunt for property.

Next meeting is April 16, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Mike closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.