

Comments From Redesigning Our Fellowship Hall February 21, 2016

Parking

- circular drop off, get rid of parking lot @church entrance.
- parking lot- its current awkward layout
- Could parking be further west for handicap near where cross is?

Landscape outside windows/exterior

- see San Marcos Lutheran Church (succulents and native plants)
- Labyrinth , Prayer
- Memorial garden
- Built in planters

Patio

- Better use of surrounding patio space west and south- think of receptions

Approach to Hall

- Add winding pathway
- Wider walkway coming into church
- More welcoming front entrance
- More defined entrance – not through asphalt
- Outdoor rooms with screens - Family friendly patio space
- Curb appeal – more inviting in front of church
- Clear pathways into church from outside
- Curb appeal

Entry to Hall

- open entry
- stained glass by the doors
- Glass partition between sanctuary and entrance for sound proofing bathrooms
- Separation between entry and main sanctuary
- Center entry/align with center focal point (symmetry)
- Making the entrance centered rather than offside near the bathrooms – this was agreed upon by all 8 from group
- Better entry
- More narthex like entry

Security

- use security cameras and monitors for Amy if focal point is changed

Hall

- Flexibility/Muilt-Use (maintain this multi-purpose functionality)
- someone showed pix of a similar remodel at Mt. Soledad Presby Church. Looked good. Especially notable, change of window shape to give more of a “church look” (arched)
- more wood/paneling/beams

Worship focal point in hall- orientation, etc

- put focal point west toward ocean –open end up to floor/ceiling stained glass (see Air Force Academy)
- Change orientation of stage to low end of sanctuary west– raise roof
- cross or something (altar, etc.)
- focal point with cross

Stage-

- make ADA compliant- handicap accessible
- Concern about there being too much visibility of the drum set as well as microphones on the altar. (partial partition/or placement change? Someone didn't even like the visibility of the Piano!
- Music equipment to not dominate the stage
- cords/microphones a distraction
- hide speakers
- Music further from communion table
- Major altar changes
- Design area for band/praise team/permanent piano space (as is now)

Choir

- choir seated in front on either side of the stain glass window
- Better space up front for choir/musicians e.g. not a feeling of being pushed in a corner – privacy wall for choir
- More traditional choir behind pulpit area for pastor
- Upgrade choir area
- Move choir
- Wheel chair accessible (chancel area) ramp
- Choir off center- not behind pastor

Cross

- Permanent Cross
- Large central cross
- Look at RB Presb Church at their stained cross- inside and out
- Get rid of windows behind cross

Flooring

- “wood” flooring look (vinyl, grain, not scratchable) See Marriott Grand St. Louis (lays in strips)
- install carpeting up wall to dampen sound see St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach
- Wood floor – engineered hardwood
- Concrete floors
- Carpet versus sustainable wood or replaceable carpet tiles

Roof

- lift roof – add cross
- adjust roof, replace with glass dome?
- Raising the roof looks great!

- What is the state of the roof, is repair needed?
- Raise low roof
- Wood beam accents
- Wood panels in place of acoustic tiles
- Remove soffits
- Change roof line
- Extend roof line
- Liked Phil's design

Ceiling

- Change color of acoustics? (new products , ie. wood slats – light natural wood)
- Skylights on ceiling for more natural light
- Don't screw up the acoustics (not an afterthought – music is important - architects are great at visuals, acoustics not so much)
- A few folks suggested the possibility of replacing current acoustic ceiling tiles with something that appeared "stone-like, or wood-like" To make the space "less officey"
- Remove ceiling tiles! ugly

Light

- Natural light
- Candles
- Different lighting, upgrade
- Glass from the front windows brings light into the sanctuary
- Added light but be able to darken if needed
- See outside during service- look out to plants
- Soft light- meditative, natural light from above
- Take advantage of sun/refractory light- glass

Walls/décor/ambiance

- Keep the flags, Yea!!
- Plants, Flowers
- new wall color; more colorful, warm colors, accents, neutral color base
- Celebratory –not the first thing that comes to mind right now (natural light will help)
- Natural light (clear/stained glass)
- Rotating artwork, Christian artwork on wall
- Color choices carried from building into logo and signage
- Beautiful religious paintings
- Walls wall hangings (banners) dampen sound

Stained glass

- Stained glass, yes! (on windows – leave top 1/3 clear)
- That can be removed some day to put in Sanctuary
- Visual faux glass
- Stained glass panels that can be changed- seasonally or other
- Rotating box with light in center, stained glass on sides
- Stained glass window from roof (in roof) – sun roof

Chairs

- More comfortable, nicer chairs
- Chairs that won't kill you (cushions?)
- More comfortable seating – Options?
- Padded chairs
- Need storage for chairs
- Bible holders (?with chair or ??)
- Arm rests

Electrical system

- Upgrade

Sound booth/AV

- Move sound booth to back corner
- Screens are cheap now. Time for an update?
- Keep screens (one bigger)
- Audio visual – fewer screens but bigger screens up front
- Sound control booth should be less obtrusive. “It's unattractive”
- Larger or moveable video screens. At least one person wanted us to have screens that were retractable when not in use. At least, fewer and larger screens
- Better sound/acoustics
- Hidden speakers

Offices

- move offices, entrances in middle to center above
- Move offices – modular add on for the office
- Move offices to art room/nursery- nursery doesn't need to be so big
- Move offices to the “lowered ceiling area” in the fellowship hall
- Make current offices into meeting rooms

Nursery

- Nursery in preschool
- In main building or not
- Cry room and nursery in main sanctuary building

Kitchen

- Redo
- Redesign doors to kitchen area (not appealing)
- Relocate kitchen
- Update- could be smaller
- Dishwasher
- Energy efficient appliances
- Remove rolling door
- Insulate for noise/rattle

Bathrooms

- Replace urinals with no flush urinals (Tom Chesnutt knows a guy who manufactures – quiet plumbing)
- Toilets too low
- Toilets handicap access
- Coat rack in ladies room

Misc

- Unlock the doors
- As “green” ecologically as possible
- Consider name of building to worship center rather than fellowship hall
- PCUSA logo included in logo/branding and signage to some extent
- Air fresheners

Wait for Sanctuary

- One person suggested that the upcoming remodel be simply paint/carpet/curtain (superficial changes) He called it a “conservative approach” so that there would still be funds to seed a future sanctuary build fund.
- Eventually in a real sanctuary- group liked the idea of pews...other words heard included "stained glass" and "Pipe Organ"
- Make church a church and relocate fellowship hall