

Church Space Subgroup of Bridge Committee 3-5-22 minutes

Present: Linda (notetaker), Anne, and Karen F

The purpose of this group and its walk-through today is to see the church building as a means of communication. What do we want to communicate to members and the PI community when they come into our church?

Jeannie Ashmore sent her thoughts from a sunny location:

The smell in the entryway upon entering (worse in summer/fall)

Steps need sprucing up (Rob has this on his radar)

Woodwork finish painting

Add some low light greenery

Purchase round tables for fellowship hall

Karen Friedman attended the Dream Tour of the church and we want to review those notes and integrate them into our ideas – sounds like there are some great ideas for use of the closet/stage space in the fellowship hall.

Walk Through Thoughts

Entryway: first impressions (consensus on Jeannie's ideas)

Anne thinks that she has tile that could be used to cover the concrete as you enter

Need sign in the entryway to direct people to spaces in the church (Linda will talk to Liz Rollins)

Discussion about entryway bulletin board – Keep it simple. Add "Welcome" then place New Brackett sign under it

Other thoughts: Brochure shelf attached to wall under bulletin board, placing a donation basket on the entry table for events, use of sandwich board outside to welcome and guide people to the entrance.

Use of the closets in the entryway as a place for people to hang up their coats: the closets are deep enough that there could still be storage in the back and the coat rod in the front.

Look at placing the "Tree" painting currently hanging in the hall to the entryway

We will develop a statement that articulates an intentional framework for how we use our building walls and bulletin boards to tell our story.

We are suggesting March 17 and 18 for working on projects in the church – though some folks are already working on spaces.

Fellowship hall thoughts:

Placement of bulletin board beside entry doors and designated space for church activities like Social Action, use of rolling bulletins boards for CAP/ drawing class artwork, suggest labeling to displays, rotate displays periodically

Moving some of the large paintings around

Optimize use of storage space

Knitting group will go through yarn “stash” – make sure as we organize storage areas that what is stored is accessible to the group who uses it.

Food pantry space:

Clean out tablecloth storage space, go through items on in the area beside it

Kitchen: go through large drawers with knives etc. and get rid of the dull ones!

Vestry:

Get rid of the two rocking chairs that are the most uncomfortable

Sort toys and activities for our children have a cabinet for the toys?

Ask families what they would like to see for their children in that space

Sanctuary

Sort out choir loft (Betsey and Lulu are working on this)

AED: label prominently and just have one

Have one secure place for the audio equipment