

FUS Capital Campaign Steering Committee (CCSC)
Meeting Minutes
December 29, 2015

Present: Greg Giles, Linnea Asp, David Breeden, Bill Karns, Mike Illes, Tim Roehl, Allan Callander

7:00 p.m. Meeting started

1. Additional Thoughts on Preliminary Ideas from Kodet

The environmental assessment has come in. Copies were made available to steering committee members. Other assessments (fuel oil tank and asbestos) are still pending.

The next meeting with Kodet Associates? Jan. 11 and Jan 13 are possibilities. Greg will contact Ed Kodet to arrange. We have time enough for one more cycle of feedback and revision by the architects before the Jan. 31 presentation to the membership.

2. Fundraising Team Report

The fundraising team had a meeting on Dec. 20. They are currently looking at the feasibility of a fundraising goal of \$2.25 million. This would be considered a stretch goal. The team recommends we use the term “commitment” rather than “pledge” in order to reduce potential confusion with annual stewardship pledges. The team has contacted about 15 households to date. Mike Illes raised the question of how the foundation might fit into our fundraising. Consensus of the meeting is that that is a question that will need to be addressed in the near future.

3. Long Term Financing Question

Allan Callander and Shelli Hesselroth visited Bremer Bank. The bank’s response regarding long-term financing was not enthusiastic, but more willing to look at bridge financing, based on campaign commitments. Tim recommended that the commitment forms should be made banker-friendly. Allan will work on pulling some numbers together.

4. Communications Team Report

Bill presented a report of recent communications team activities. Greg wants to emphasize that the campaign is not currently soliciting contributions. Our message is that members should “start thinking about” the campaign and their potential contribution. Another point of emphasis is to present a message of “can-do” and “will-do”. We discussed a goal in the \$2-3 million range.

5. Issues from Membership

Several “third-rail” topics came up during our recent Q&A session with members: pews, the front-entry sculpture, borrowing money. Another issue that was mentioned was the audio-visual capabilities in the upper assembly.

8:30 Meeting adjourned