

The Community Church of Chapel Hill

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 07, 2018

Chalice Lighting, Opening Words, and Congregational Covenant

J. Warnash, Chair of the Board of Trustees (BoT), called the meeting to order. She introduced herself as Chair of the BoT and noted the presence of the other BoT members. She noted that Polly Johnson would serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting. She also provided an overview of the agenda of the meeting. She then announced that a quorum was present, with 97 members registered. There were also 12 registered proxy voters. S. Warshaw opened the meeting with a reading, while the chalice was lit. L. Bonzani read the main points of the Congregational Covenant.

Update on the Building Project

J. Warnasch called for the the representatives of the Building Project Task Forces (BPTF) to provide an update. Paige Smith introduced herself and Cathy Cole as the co-chairs of the Capital Campaign Task Force, along with Ivy Brezina who was not in attendance. P. Smith noted that the first phase of the Capital Campaign, the Education and Feedback stage, has been completed. She praised the work of the BPTF Communications Team, noting that they have received feedback from over 200 people, which generated over 400 information exchanges. The BPTF Communications Team distilled this information and shared it with the BPTF Building Team. The BPTF Building Team shared that information with the architect and several suggestions have already been incorporated into the latest design. She then introduced C. Cole to share the updated building plan.

C. Cole presented the new drawing showing a change in the location of the quiet room, the stairs, an enlarged door for the multipurpose room, and a redesign of the bathroom and new living room downstairs. She then presented information about the upcoming joint Annual Pledge Drive (APD) and the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign Task Force is planning both cottage meetings and one-on-one meetings during the APD. They would like to be notified if someone has a preference for either and is not contacted accordingly. The Capital Campaign goal is \$1.7M but the main focus will be on 100% participation as this building project needs the support of everyone.

On January 28, 2018, there will be a meeting led by the BPTF Financial Team on contribution options.

On February 24, 2018, there will be Capital Campaign kick-off celebration led by the High School Youth Group (HSYG).

On June 10, 2018, there will be a Congregational Meeting at which the BPTF Capital Campaign Team will announce the results of the APD and Capital Campaign. The BoT will announce the next steps and there will be a celebration on reaching this point in the building project.

C. Cole noted that the Capital Campaign Task Force chairs are very excited and confident that the church can do this and how important it is that the church continue to build on its legacy of support for what is important to the members.

T. Belote joined C. Cole in expressing his confidence in the project. He praised the work of the BPTF leaders and said that the church is on the right track. He added that things are going well. He reminded the congregation that this project will provide much needed space for the many church meetings, Covenant Groups, and adult, youth, and children programming. He noted that the space should be worthy of the excellent programming that occurs in that space. He then invited the congregation to join him in singing Hymn #1017 "Building a New Day" to celebrate the kick-off of this next phase.

Endowment Committee

J. Warnasch introduced P. Johnson as chair of the Endowment Committee. P. Johnson provided information on the grant opportunity announced at the June 2017 Congregational Meeting. The Endowment Committee conferred with the Building Project Task Forces to offer grant opportunities in 2019 to align with the Building Project. The Committee anticipates at least \$7K to be available. The Committee will decide by Feb 1, 2018 if grant opportunities will be offered in 2018 and will communicate such to the congregation.

The Committee is recommending that the Congregation approve one grant at this time. A proposal was put forth by Marion Hirsch to coordinate and sponsor team enrollment in training on organizations against racism.

J. Wanasch presented the motion from the Endowment Committee to accept the grant proposal.

M. Hulett seconded the motion.

J. Warnasch opened the floor to discussion

Question regarding what the training is like and who will participate?

M. Hirsch replied that it is two and a half days long. She added that many in the church, including the staff, have already taken the training. The training is to impact leadership thinking in terms of how leaders are gatekeepers and enable racism within organizations. The plan is to train teams so that they can support each other. The staff was trained as a group and found it inspiring.

Question regarding how people will be chosen for the training?

M. Hirsch replied that the preference will be to the Ministries, HSYG, and Covenant Group if at least three people with the team are interested. It is important, she said, to create a learning community. She said that the BoT will be the first invitees and that she will take enrollment requests until there is either no money or no interest.

J. Warnasch asked if there were any other questions. There being none, she called for a vote. The motion passed with all present in favor and none opposing or abstaining.

Closing and Extinguishing the Chalice

J. Warnasch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Hencke offered the motion and Susan McDaniel seconded the motion. J. Warnasch called for a vote and all members present approved the motion, with none opposing or abstaining. She and A. Wright led the congregation in the words to extinguished the chalice.

ATTACHMENTS

Slides from the Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting

January 7th 2018



**Opening Reading
and
Lighting the Chalice**



Congregational Covenant

- We will communicate with and about each other openly, kindly and respectfully
- We will seek peaceful and constructive resolutions when conflicts arise
- We will value diversity of thought, belief and culture within our community
- We will work together to build the common good.



Agenda

- Report by the Capital Campaign Task Force
- Endowment Committee update and grant proposal
- Discussion/Vote on grant proposal
- Closing

Building on Our Legacy:

Where we've been & next steps

September – October, 2017

Education & Feedback

October- November, 2017

Refine Building Conceptual Design

January- March, 2018

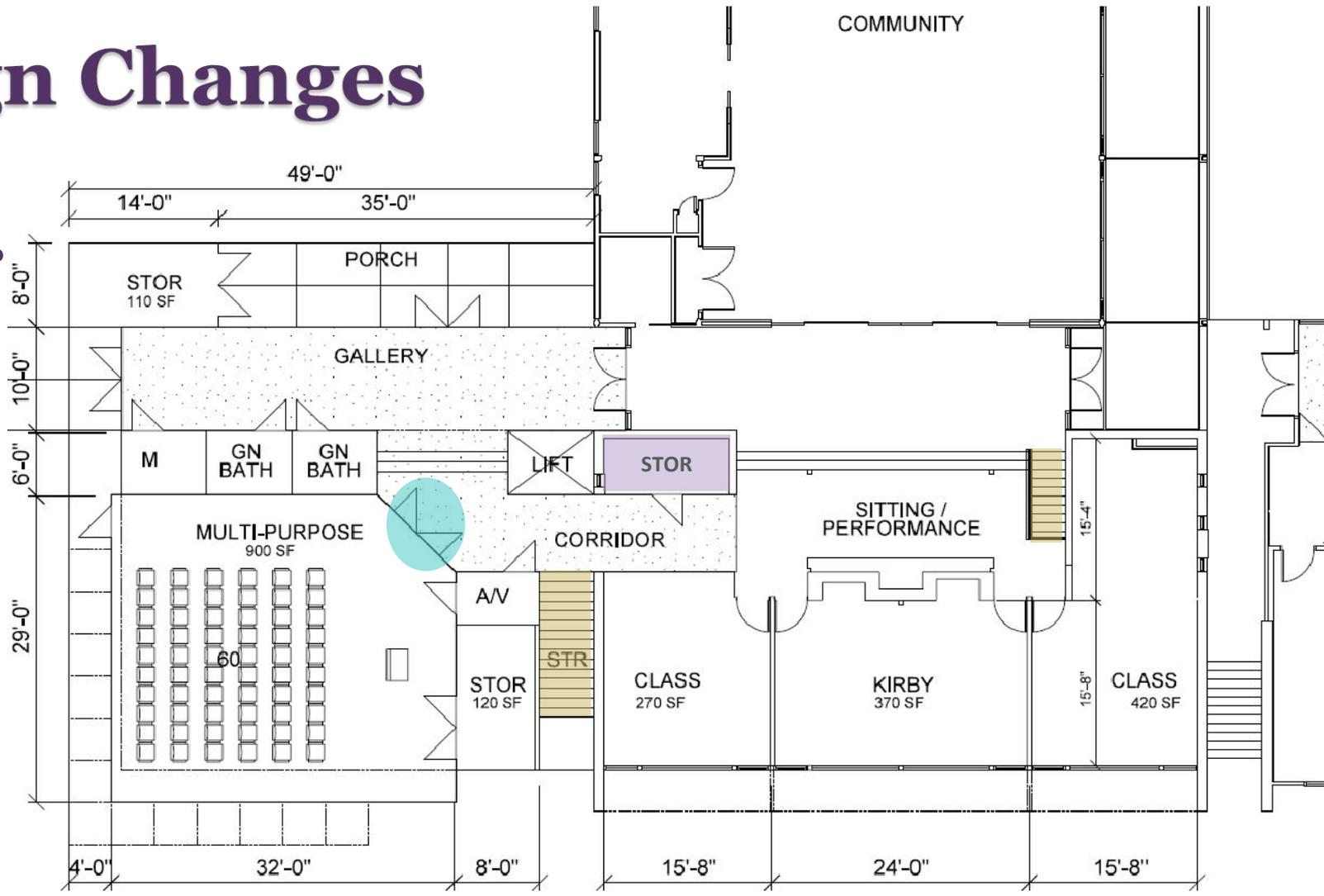
Share Refined Design with Congregation

February – March, 2018

Capital Campaign!!

Design Changes

Upper Level



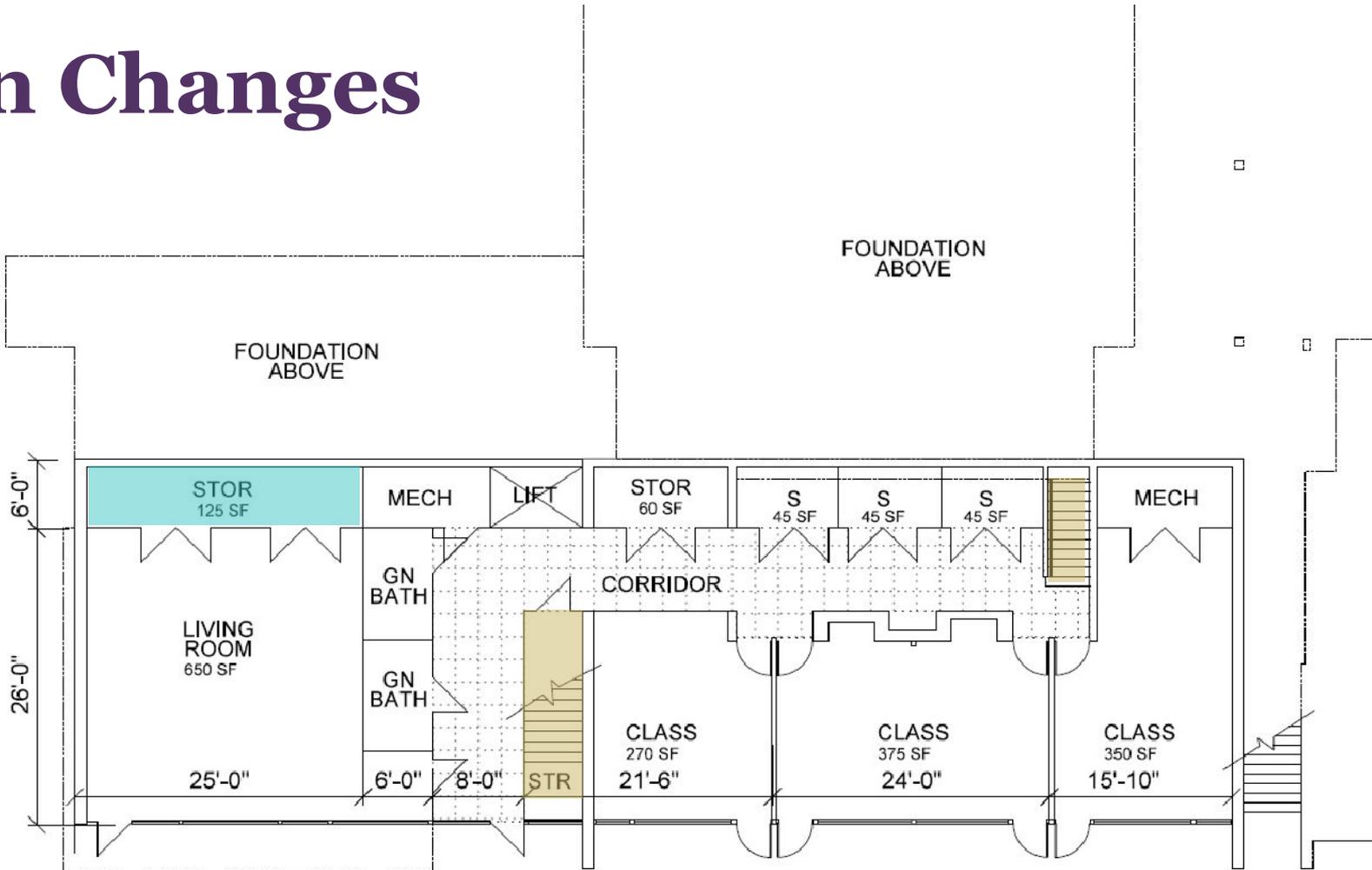
Design Changes

New “Quiet Room” Location



Design Changes

Lower Level



Endowment Committee Report

- Brief Update on Endowment Fund Grant Opportunities
- Recommend Congregational Approval of Endowment Fund grant of \$4425.00 to provide *Organizing Against Racism* training for church leaders, youth and young adults in 2018



**Closing
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