

Renovation and Updating Task Force Report

The renovation and Updating Task Force completed its work at the last meeting, February 10, 2020. In all, 10 projects were identified and prioritized. The charge of the Task Force was to identify and prioritize projects important to the mission and operation of the church. As a side note, one project, removal and replacement of the floor tile in the downstairs area under the sanctuary was deemed critical and immediately given to the Trustees and Finance committees to move forward. The existing vinyl floor tile in that area contains asbestos, is cracked in many places and was considered a critical health and safety issue that needed to be immediately corrected.

It should be noted that the Task Force members were selected to obtain as broad a range of congregational members as possible and included a youth member as well as representatives of areas affected by these projects and members of committees critical to the completion of the projects. Members were; Mary Baldwin, Jim Friend, Rex Buel, April Harper, Mary Wahlstrom, Ken Stephens, Rob Cooley, Wendy Olli, Patty Driver, Lauren Sandercock, Dan Frisbie, Ann Frisbie, Fred Grunder, and Peter Choi. Any of the Task Force members would be please to answer questions about the process leading to the prioritizing of the projects.

Projects that were identified and their estimated costs included;

Painting the Narthex	\$2,400,
Repair and Painting the Chancel Wall	\$3,500,
Sealing the Exterior Brick	\$4,000,
Painting the Sanctuary Walls	\$2,600,
Replacing the carpeting in the Sanctuary	\$19,500,
Adding a nursery in the back of the Sanctuary	\$47,500,
Paving the parking lots	\$22,000,
Adding audio visual equipment (additional screens and improved projection equipment) to the Sanctuary	\$8,000,
Upgrading the fellowship hall for a better Embrace Service	\$2,560,
Adding equipment (piano dolly and organ interface) to enhance the musical experience.	\$5,300

Some of these tasks need to be done in a specific order. For example, the carpeting would not be replaced until any painting was completed and the exterior brick would need to be sealed prior to painting the sanctuary walls. The total cost for all of these projects is estimated to be \$117,360, but understand that cost estimates for each project are based on criteria provided to the Task Force and may change as more detailed specifications are developed.

In order to prioritize this many projects, the Task Force selected the following evaluation:

Project Cost

Membership Growth (how each project would contribute to membership growth)

Congregational Satisfaction (how congregational members would feel about the end result)

Time to Implement (length of time to complete the project)

Fit to FUMC Mission (to know God and make God known)

Value to the Community (possible use by community organizations)

Right to Operate (necessary to continue to operate the facility)

Task Force members then scored each project, on a scale from one to five, for each of the selected criteria and a process was used to take everyone's selections for each project into account to arrive at a priority list. The priority list was then reviewed to ensure that it made sense and was reasonable. A few adjustments were made to account for some inconsistencies.

The final prioritized list is as follows:

Fellowship Hall Upgrades
Sanctuary Nursery
Additional audio visual equipment
Seal and pave parking lots

Musical improvements
Sealing and painting
Replace sanctuary carpeting

The Task Force decided to concentrate on the first four projects and leave the remaining three for the future as it did not seem practical to attempt to complete all of these at once. Costs for the future projects would also be expected to certainly increase over time. The sealing and painting projects were combined as it made more sense to consider all the sealing and painting as one project. The top four projects have been moved forward through the Trustees, Finance Committee and the Administrative Counsel.