

Sent: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 7:39 am
Subject: St Annes Architecture/Design Team minutes

Attendees:
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Attendees
Lois Crouse
Ed Fletcher
Diane Dudderar
Lea Hutchins
Fr. Karney
Sandy Lind
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Ed Sparks

- 1) Chris reviewed the FACTS meeting and shared the charter/milestones as issued by the FACTS team. We have completed items 1-4 on the milestone listing.
- 2) The team discussed some field trips to review other locations. It was agreed to visit the Philadelphia Cathedral on 3-Feb, Chris will get relevant details of service times and potential guided tour (for those interested visit:
<http://www.philadelphiacathedral.org/>) In addition a trip to Cornerstone UMC to view their most recent addition (specifically their foyer/narthex and worship space layout) is to be completed after a Sunday service. No date set, but this can be scheduled easily due to its local proximity. Chris will work on lining up someone to discuss this as well.
- 3) The team continued their discussions of the book, "Re-Pitching the Tent", focusing on chapters 4-6.
Chapter 4 - Roots of our worship: The chapter explained the change in the Jewish faith from prior to the Temple being built through the destruction of the temple and the implications this had on the method of worship. We discussed the following: "What elements in present day practice in our community of faith can we trace back to the experience of Jesus and his followers in the synagogue and in the home?"
Chapter 5 - The First Christians (1) The chapter discussed Christianity as it moved from a just born faith to the official faith of the Roman Empire. "If the Church today was deprived of all its existing buildings, what kind of secular building would it be most appropriate to adapt or to copy to provide places of Christian assembly?" It was agreed that probably schools would be one of the first locations, or even warehouse/industrial space (like several small churches are!)
Chapter 6 - The First Christians (2) This chapter discussed the changes, physically & architecturally, after the church was "official" Discussions of raised alters, rails, screens, stalls and their impact on the community worship (separation of priestly class from the "rest of us"). "In what ways have our instincts to ennoble and to demarcate our church buildings in our own generation, detracted from their effectiveness as places of Christian assembly for the whole priestly

people of God, and as a sign for others for others of a new kind of society in which the first shall be last?" We discussed how the ornateness and clutter of the modern "added-on" church can turn away, or scare away, those who are interested in returning or joining a new church.

4) The team discussed the recommended bible verses from week one of the crash course: Numbers 9.15-End, 1 Samuel 7.1-13 and 2 Chronicles 6.18-21. The Numbers verse teaches us to follow God, He knows best (follow the cloud), Chronicles showed us that no matter how ornate the Temple (Church) it is not a place for God to live, but a place for those to come and worship God together. The Samuel verse stumped the team as it would relate to "Tent vs. Temple" and we will seek some outside guidance.

Key dates:

27-January - After the 9AM service, the Bishop would like to meet with all committee members (yes everyone.) Figure to be there about 9:30.

3-Feb - Visit to Philly Cathedral. Please let me know who will be attended so we can organize transportation.

7-Feb - Next team meeting 7PM in the town church!

Tue, 19 Feb 2008

Subject: St Annes Architect Design Team Minutes

Attendees:

Chris Garrod

Sandy Lind

Jessie Ventura

Distribution:

Attendees

Ed Fletcher

Ott Metzen

Ed Sparks

Deann Widener

- 1) Limited attendance shortened the meeting
- 2) Three teens have expressed interest in joining the group. Another SA member has expressed interest in joining the committee.
- 3) We agreed to go to the Philly cathedral on 24-Feb.
- 4) We opted to not review week one of the crash course, but opted to review chapter 7: "Should Christian Communities have buildings at all?"
Is my church community's building a help or a hindrance -
 - a) in my own growth to spiritual maturity?
 - b) in our community's worship?
 - c) in our facilitating our community's growth and development?

Next meeting is Thursday March 6th at 7PM. Please make every effort to attend.

Wed, 26 Mar 2008

Subject: ST Anne's AD team update for FACTS meeting on Thursday

St Anne's Architecture and Design team progress report for March-2008

The A/D team made a field trip to the Philly Cathedral in March. It was a very interesting and eye opening experience. The setting is unique and very welcoming.

The team continues to work through "Re-Pitching the Tent", having completed up to Chapter 7 and week one of the crash course. The chapter work is quite interesting and thought provoking. The week one of the crash course along with the trip to the Philly Cathedral proved to be a source for great inspiration for the team.

One of the suggested action items for week one is to hold services in an alternate location. After discussion amongst the team, Lea, Diane and Fr. Karney, the team is poised to hold two 9AM services in April (20th and 27th) in the hall in a different seating arrangement with some logistical changes to a few key elements of the service. While some may say that this is not necessarily "Architecture or Design", we would counterpoint that to say that the worship space is the center to the whole facility. All other pieces revolve around that.

The team also has invited the Very Reverend Richard Giles, Dean of the Philadelphia Cathedral, to come to St. Anne's on April 26th to talk with us, the whole FACTS team, about the "re-ordering" of the worship space. While we may not be re-ordering, we can benefit from his experience in this process.

The team is meeting again on 12-April at 1PM to work through the layout and flow of the out-of-the-box Kontakt services.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Garrod for the St. Anne's Architecture and Design Team, 26-March.

Mon, 19 May 2008
Subject: St Annes A/D Team minutes

Attendees:

Chris Garrod
Sandy Lind
Jessie Ventura
Deann Widener

1) The team discussed the three weeks of services in the great hall. After reading through the feedback questionnaires, the feeling was that the rounded option was most pleasing. The passing of the bread and wine was not an overwhelming approval, but was supported by many. The possibility of conducting more services in the fall was suggested. This would be discussed later.

2) Chris reviewed some of the details from the FACTS meeting, specifically around dates. The team should have a Liturgical consultant in place this fall, an Architect next spring. The team agreed that those dates were reasonable. Chris will make a few calls about how to research for a liturgical consultant.

3) Chris handed out the materials from St Paul's Seattle. The Rector used "Re-Pitching the Tent" to describe their re-ordering process/class, but did not use Giles methodology. The material she provided can provide us with some guidance on our effort.

4) The field trip(s) for visits to other churches was discussed. It was thought that a Sunday trip is best if we are visiting church facilities as that is when they are usually open. The team decided to divide and conquer. Each team member will call the diocese for their particular faith to look into new construction of worship space renovations in the last 5 years. Chris will also check into a listing that Ed Sparks had mentioned about a summary of projects with key information.

Deann: Presbyterian

Jessie: Methodist

Sandy: Lutheran

Chris: Episcopal, Jewish, non-affiliated, Muslim, Hindu

Mark: Roman Catholic

Team members should try to get a list and make some preliminary calls to the subject location. Geographic area is Middletown and North to the great Philly area, west to the Susquehanna and east to the Delaware River.

When we complete the trip(s) we should have a common questionnaire to fill out as we progress so as to record our thoughts.

5) The team discussed chapters 8 & 9 about what does our buildings say about us and how do we handle change.

6) Chris proposed the following grouping for the next chapters:

10-12: More background, but some interesting exercises. See to do items below!

14-17: Elements of re-ordering. We may not be re-ordering, but the lessons provided will give us some insight!

19-21: Getting into space design/concepts. Curb appeal, entrance and foyer/narthex/gathering

22-25: The worship space!

To do:

1) Feel free to start making calls. Just please identify yourself and where you are calling from. I already did a few a while ago, and people love talking about their church buildings.

2) From chapter 10, it suggests to conduct a walkthrough of a supermarket to see how well they lay things out. My suggestion: read chapter 10, then pay attention the next time you are at ACME/Super G/Borders Books or any of the trendy places with cafe's.

Next meeting is MONDAY JUNE 9TH at 7PM in the town church. OR do we do the walkthrough in chapter 10 together and meet at Starbucks or something like that?

Wed, 18 Jun 2008

Subject: St Anne's A/D team minutes 9June08

Meeting was shortened due to the absence of Jessie and Deann.

Attendees:

Chris Garrod

Sandy Lind

Ed Sparks

Mark Tudor

1) Chris reviewed the recent FACTS meeting with the team.

2) The team reported back what, if any, information they have on their calls to other faiths. All the members were remiss in the duty on this. Re-iterating the call schedule:

Jessie - Methodist

Chris - Episcopal, non-aligned, Jewish, Muslim

Mark - Roman Catholic

Deann/Chris - Presbyterian

Sandy - Lutheran

3) To force our own hand, we agreed to schedule the field trip for Sunday

20-JULY. This will be an all day affair.

4) It was agreed that ground rules for time need to be laid for the trip (no more than X minutes per location) and that we should have a questionnaire/form for each member to fill out for each location.

5) To better prepare for the trip, please read up to and including chapter 25 in the book. The key chapters for the trip and the development of the questionnaire are chapters 19-25

The next team meeting is set for MONDAY 14-JULY at 7PM in the Town Church library. This is a mandatory meeting to prepare for the trip.

I need everyone to respond that both the 20th and the 14th are OK.

Agenda for this meeting:

1) Review FACTS meeting from the 10th.

2) Discuss chapters 10-12. We did not get this to happen last time, but I think we need to keep on this. Chapter 12 has some serious to-do's for us, chapter 11 is thought provoking and chapter 10 has an interesting exercise.

3) Review list of locations to visit and prioritize/layout trip.

4) Review questionnaire/form.

Subject: St. Annes A/D Team minutes 14-July-2008

Attendees:

Chris Garrod
Sandy Lind
Mark Tudor
Jessie Ventura

- 1) Chris review the recent FACTS meeting providing some insight into the other committees progress.
- 2) The team reviewed chapters 10-12. Chapter 10, the "Supermarket design" chapter, provided some interesting insight into the world of flashy consumer markets, and how and why they did things (constant re-ordering, removal of old/stale merchandise). Chapter 11, Our Church, discusses the effects of the Liturgy on the architecture, or sometimes lack there-of. The team was happy that we had already completed some of the proposed group exercises (alternate seating, Eucharist offering..) We also chose "Team Leader" for name we feel is most accurate to describe our ordained leader (rector). Finally in our discussion of Chapter 12, Our House, we discussed our current house, and what we thought would be appropriate to make the next Tent we move to, a home.
- 3) The team then went through the list of locations that we researched for potential site visits. There were several locations that were of interest but were outside the geographical boundaries. Those would be visited by those going on vacation or by pictures from the location. (St Martha's Bethany, Lewes Presby, the funky church just north of Lewes)
The locations chosen for our first road trip are:
 - St. Josephs RC in Middletown
 - Cornerstone UMC in Bear
 - St. Margaret of Scotland RC in Glasgow
 - Elkton Presbyterian
 - Simpsonville UMC (by GM plant)
 - Red Clay Presbyterian
 - Hockessin UMC

Depending on timing, St. Gabriel RC in Avondale and/or Church of the Advent Episcopal could be visited.

The team also thought another day would be needed to visit some locations in the greater Philadelphia area. There is a new Episcopal Church in Harleysville (Church of the Holy Spirit) and St David's Radnor also was recommended. It was also recommended to visit Trinity Presbyterian and St. Barnabas in Wilmington. This will be planned later, most likely in September.

Chris will make the arrangements for the trip under separate cover for the trip, which will occur on 27-July.

Chris will also take a shot at the questionnaire/guide for the trip.

No next meeting was planned due to the trip.