

February 20, 2023

Dear Members,

Your Executive Board, in response to the general sentiment at the January 21st membership meeting, is calling a town hall meeting for members on Saturday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday School to consider the next forward steps of progress for our church. This meeting will begin with metaphysical sharing by members. Peter Husak will present a brief update on the work of the Ad Hoc Building Committee (AHBC) to date, as well as conditions in the local real estate market, and answer our questions. Then an open discussion among members will follow.

Motions may not be made at town hall meetings.

A review of what steps have been taken may be helpful to members.

- At the April 3rd, 2021 special meeting, the membership voted not to sell our property at 325 N. Cascade Avenue. This consensus was reached after a thorough presentation and documentation of facts and figures by the Ad Hoc Fact Finding Committee. Potential solutions included stay and do expensive and mandatory repairs; sell the building; build a new building; rent a new space; or buy an existing church or building. Several future steps the board could take were also outlined. Many questions and clarifications were part of the discussion prior to the vote. (The full 4/3/21 report is available to members who request it from the Clerk.)
- Subsequent to this meeting the Executive Board determined that a next logical step could be to explore leasing a portion of the church. The Ad Hoc Fact Finding Committee was dissolved, and a new Ad Hoc Building Committee was formed, chaired by Peter Husak.
- Since being given this directive by the Executive Board, Peter Husak and his AHBC have worked with local real estate agent, Gary Feffer, to market the Sunday School for lease. It has been shown to several interested parties, but no one has made an offer to lease the space.

Plan to attend this highly important in-person meeting, where next steps for our church home could be discussed. Park in the Young Life lot, or use metered parking on the street. Bring a pillow for comfortable seating.

With love,

Your Executive Board

Melissa Foster, Susan Butler, Lynn Wilson, Susan Larsen, Walt Hieronymus

Agenda for Town Hall Meeting

March 4, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Readings followed by The Lord's Prayer

Metaphysical sharing by members

Brief report and update from the Ad Hoc Building Committee – Peter Husak

Open Discussion

Adjournment