

Coordinating Committee Report on Meetinghouse Project Additional Costs

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The Coordinating Committee met on March 17, 2014, to consider changes to the new meetinghouse as brought by several of the committees.

The Coordinating Committee suggests that, as detailed below, we endeavor to complete many of these projects by May 2014, when the final building budget report will be completed and the construction financing will be converted to a permanent mortgage. For those projects that cannot or will not be completed by then, Coordinating Committee proposes that a fund, taken from the building budget, be set aside for completion of those projects as they are seasoned by various committees and, if necessary, approved by Meeting for Business.

The categories below are based on our understanding of both whether the project is within the scope of the original building project and whether it is ready to proceed immediately or whether further discussion and seasoning are necessary.

Completed:

- Lighting for back stair case (inexpensive solar-powered lights on the top four steps)
- Portable speaker for sound system or late arrivers in Gathering Room
- Putting windows in doors on first floor
- Cushions for window seats for comfort and noise reduction (ordered)
- Batting under benches to soften sounds in the meeting room (purchased but not installed)
- New lawn mower and leaf vacuum. (Property)
- Shades/film for bathroom window privacy. (Property)
- 2 small handicapped signs for the worship room. (Outreach)
- 3 handicapped signs for southern parking lot (Outreach/Property)
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Already underway:

- Outdoor Play Space (Randy Granger's project)

Listed committees should move ahead (and complete by May if possible):

- Picture rails (including in FDS rooms). (RE/Outreach)
- Three bookcases w/ storage bins for FDS rooms. (RE)
- Paint and materials for single wall of each FDS room. (RE)
- Rugs for FDS room. (RE)
- Parking lot guide rail/fence along southern edge of parking lot (where "compact car" signs are now). (Property)
- Drinking fountains to be attached to outdoor faucets. (Property/Landscape)
- Fencing around outdoor HVAC compressors. (Property)

- Movable bulletin board for display of CHMM materials in the foyer on First-Day mornings. (Outreach, Office, Worship & Ministry)
- Additional shelving and utensils for kitchen. (Hospitality)

Further Seasoning Needed (Responsible Committee Listed)

- Large, permanent sign for Mermaid Lane. (Outreach)
- A large, simple welcome sign for over the guestbook table and hanging a quilt (donated) on the wall behind the wedding bench. (Outreach)
- A lectern for use by outside groups and, perhaps in the foyer on First-Day mornings. (Client/Office)
- Automatic door opener for front (or side) door and for one bathroom. (Outreach / Property)
- Two large, simple, but professionally designed “This Week at the Meetinghouse” signs. One to hang on the wedding bench wall of the foyer and the other to hang in the hallway near the kitchen doors. (Office)

Suggestions about which Coordinating Committee Has Specific Concerns

- Sidewalk extension from parking lot to entrance (alternative: Lines for pedestrian lanes) and Improve paths from parking to avoid swales. Concerns: We can take no action to move pavement or sidewalk until the Philadelphia Water Department approves the storm water management system as designed. The Property Committee will consider the request once the approval is complete.
- Doorbell for front door. Concern: Purpose, location and cost.
- Motion-sensitive flood light on building. Concern: Cost and purpose.
- Roof membrane to make flat roof over foyer usable. Concern: Meeting approved deferring the finishing of the roof deck, so there was no money in the construction budget for it.
- Rug for foyer noise reduction. Concern: maintenance and safety (wheel chairs, toddlers, people with walkers, strollers) and may not be needed in worship room once batting is installed.

Already Rejected

- Backup electrical connections for roof motors to allow emergency power to close roof in the event of a power failure. Members of Property Committee who are also on Skyspace Committee agreed in January 2014 that management of the Skyspace openings was preferable to purchasing a backup system.