

Trustees/Church Location and Building Team
Minutes
July 31, 2005 – 4:00 PM
Bloomfield/Dexter

Present: Jack Byrd, Jerry McClanahan, Jim Overby, and John Spence

Unable to attend: Sherry Baker, Denny Lumos, Michael Kelppe, Gene King, and Lois McRill

The team reviewed the artist rendering and the detailed architectural plans for a **new Sanctuary** for the congregation of **Trinity UMC in Bloomfield**. The new sanctuary will be located south of the existing Multi-Purpose Building. In addition to seating for 190 worshipers, plans also include one classroom, rest rooms, a pastor's office and a work area. The cost of construction is estimated at \$650,000. 45% of the construction costs has been pledged and is in hand. According to the Book of Discipline, the **team unanimously approved** the plans and blessings were given to proceed. Detailed plans and specifications will be presented for Charge Conference approval on August 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

The team also visited a home on North Spring St. in **Bloomfield** as a possible **parsonage** site. The home is a 1970's vintage home. The 3-bedroom ranch is brick veneer, has 2 baths, and a new furnace/AC system. There is 1600 sq. ft. of living space. There is a double carport and a large outbuilding. The home meets the guidelines for a parsonage and the cost is approximately \$62,000. The **team unanimously approved**.

A brief discussion of the closure of **Wyatt UMC** and their 99 years of heritage followed. The main structure (Sanctuary) is sinking and has become structurally unsound. Repair of the structure is cost prohibitive. The **congregation voted to close on July 24**.

The final topic of discussion was the need to **relocate the District Office**. The present office space is leased. **Due to major air conditioning problems, the property owner, Divine Realty, has asked the district to vacate the premise by August 26, 2005**, as they do not plan to replace the HVAC system. As an option, Divine Realty has offered a 675 sq. ft. office space in a building at 121 North Broadview. The rent would continue at the same price. A one year lease and utilities would be required. This space would not be the most desirable but could work. Five other properties have been offered and are being considered--some are too large, some too small, some upstairs, some downstairs. Team members also offered many suggestions. The team also brainstormed about the possibility of building a new structure. More discussion is planned for future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry W. McClanahan, Chairman