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RPC Vision 2040

A Congregational Vote to Move Forward...

How Our Church Family Arrived at this Point

- At the conclusion of 2015, the Lord begins a new ministry here as the RPC(ECO).
- January 2016, 334 adults professed faith in Jesus Christ and signed the official charter to become “covenant partners.”
- Active adult membership as of October 2021, is 432. The number of children and youth are approximately 40.
- In the years leading up to this point the congregation’s size and steady growth have necessitated both the refurbishment of the existing spaces, and now also this proposed expansion of the property to include additional space for worship, gatherings/fellowship, education, community outreach, and service.

The Session’s Response to the Congregational Survey

- Session votes unanimously to establish a Building Commission in January of 2020. Herman Fletcher is elected chairman. Julia McClanahan is elected secretary.

The Work of the Building Commission

- The Building Commission provides and then utilizes the responses from a previous and current congregational survey to begin sketching out what we believed was needed to serve the church family.

- The Building Commission interviewed numerous architectural firms and voted June 2020 to enlist the services of architect Ron Geyer, Good City Architects, Greenville.
- Working with Ron Geyer, the Building Commission developed a master plan with numerous phases.
- Phase One, the phase upon which we vote this morning, will provide the congregation with a large multi-purpose building (far right), a gathering space/welcome area/fellowship center (just left of multi-purpose space), and covered walkways/arcades that form a courtyard.
- The Building Commission interviewed numerous construction firms and voted to enlist the services of Town & Country and has been working in earnest with members of the Town & Country to move the project forward.

The Expected Cost and Current Giving Towards the Vision 2040 Campaign

- The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Phase One expansion has been established as \$2.5 million. At this time monies/gifts given or pledged amount to approximately \$1.7 million dollars. This leaves us with a projected “maximum” loan amount of \$800k.

The Necessity to Obtain a Loan to See the Project Through

- Members of the Building Commission and Stewardship Team meet with representatives of three local financial institutions to discuss terms for a loan.
- After reviewing the three proposals, the Building Commission unanimously agreed upon the terms offered by South State Bank.
- The Terms: Fixed 15-year Loan at 3.37%.



The Motion:

That the Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO), Greenwood, S.C., agree to obtain a loan of up to \$800K with every good intention of being faithful and generous stewards and paying this debt off as soon as is feasible.



Members of the Building Commission:

Herman Fletcher (chair), Julia McClanahan (secretary), Bill Watkins, Brian Stoddard, Lynn Johnson, Chelsy Steifle, Bob Young, and Chris Leonard

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