

MLC Building Committee
February 21, 2017

Present: Pastor Glenn, Dennis VanBatavia, Chris Wallace, Eileen Stratman, Ron Moen, George Walter, Pete Rathfelder, Roger Smith

Pastor Glenn introduced Jeff Spann from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Pastor Glenn had meet with Jeff earlier in the day and had escorted him around Maricopa showing him our fine city and the locations where we have considered buying land in which to build our Maricopa Lutheran Church.

Jeff then gave the committee an idea of some of the considerations that we should use when considering property for our church. He considered the present property that we are considering (Porter Road) as the best property of those we have considered in the past. He described that a prospective building should consist of 12 sq ft for each person in attendance, only one floor, one third of the property should be for parking, and that a 5,000 sq foot “box” should be considered rather than a “5,000 sq foot box with wings” in designing our building. He also said that partnerships with others neighbors (for parking for instance) could work but not to let it slow us down. Jeff talked some about our approved loan of \$130,000 and that we did not need to pay it off before we secure a building loan through the Mission Investment Fund. Should we be approved for a building loan the remaining debt from the land loan would be “rolled” into the total loan bringing the terms of the loan from a 15 year loan (land) to a 25 year loan for the building structure. He stated that he had many church plans that we could look at when we get to that point in building our church.

Even though financing of the building was not the responsibility of the building committee Jeff did talk a little about using a Professional Capital Campaign to secure funds going forward if possible. He stated that while a professionally administered campaign has costs it could bring in one third more money for the building than a campaign run by our church members.

Pastor Glenn closed the meeting with a prayer.

Ron Moen
Co-Chair Building Committee