

COLUMBIA GROVE COVENANT CHURCH
LISTENING WORKSHOP 1 NOTES

March 27, 2011
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We gathered to begin the planning process for the future space needs of Columbia Grove Covenant Church. The outcome of this planning was a set of goals, and ultimately a master plan for growth describing how the church's physical facilities should change to meet the needs of the church.

This workshop focused on who you are as a church and what ministries you provide. We discussed your ministries and activities:

1. What is happening currently
2. How many people are involved
3. Where and when the activity currently takes place
4. What changes you would like to see
5. What is your image of the Columbia Grove Covenant Church

Worship

500 people call Columbia Grove Church
School holds 250

Sunday

9:00 Attendance: 90-100

11:00 Attendance: 90-100

Both Services have Four Communion Stations - Eight people

Music is central to both Services

Kid's Area in the back

Would like Quieting area

Prayer Teams (two in back)

Coffee and Food before, during and after

Nursery during both services

Youth Group Service Wednesday 26-30 people

Kindergarten through 6th Thursday 30 people

Christmas Eve, Eve (December 23rd) 400 people

Easter - 400 people

Palm Sunday - have a cliff notes version of holy week due to not having any room to during weekday services -
Would like to have room and separate the services

Ceremonies

Baptism -Adult Full Immersion - Uses river, mostly off site due to not having onsite area - 15 people - Make a great picnic of it.

Weddings - done offsite due to no place to have one. 4-12 couples.

Funerals: Not very many.

Gathering

30-45 minute between services up to both audiences

Open Service Area

Needed area for food and fellowship - 150 for after

Kitchen Area (able to connect to outdoors?)

Storage Area

Women's Christmas Gathering - 50 people

Baby/Bridal Showers - 25-50 people

Crafting Nights - once a month

Need area for Youth Stage

Movie Nights - occasionally

Possible Gym / Meeting Area

Musical Events - Occasionally around town

Small Group Rooms - 25-30 people

Potluck meals - would like midweek options

Camping/RV/BBQ's location

Play Area (enclosed)

Baseball/Softball area

Library

Administration

Pastor (FTE)

Admin Assistant (PTE)

Youth and Family Ministries (PTE)

Mid-Week Children's Program Director (PTE)

Interns / Seminary Students (2-4)

Facilities Director (Volunteer)

Worship Arts Director (Volunteer)

Technology (Volunteer)

Associate Pastor (Future)

Leadership Team (9 People) Conference Room

Finances Group (5 People)

Building Committee 10 People (Temporary)

Souls from Heaven (35 People)

Food Bank Group

Youth Pastor

Work Room (Copier, Paper, etc.)

Youth Education

Nursery (0-3) 4-8 children - 1 adult. Two youths

Children's Church (4 - 4th Grade) - Sunday 8-20, Two Adults two youths

Kingdom's Kids (K - 2nd) Thursday - 30 kids

Area 56 (5th and 6th) Sunday, Thursday 15 kids

Youth group (7th - 12th) Wednesday - 25 students - 3 adults

Body of Christ - College Sunday Nights

Connections Groups (150 total; 15 groups)

Some act as liturgy committee and connections group

Membership Classes (quarterly - one night)

Singles Group - Future

Adult Education - Quarterly and in connections Groups

Religion 101
Leadership Team Retreat
Youth Group Lock-ins
Summer Christian Camp

Social Outreach

Soles from Heaven
Food Bank
Diaper Ministries
Mission Trips - Costa Rica - Nicaragua, ETC.
Gingerbread Houses
Christmas in November
Music - Parks, Farmer's Market
Computer - Coffee Bar - Library (?)
Fundraisers
Flexible Facility for community events
Resource Center - i.e. resumes, etc.
Free Washer/Dryers
Soup Kitchen
Showers?
Mom& Tots / daycare
Emergency Homeless Shelter
Ball Fields - Help soccer teams - etc.

Other

Covered Entry
Automatic Doors

Image

Inviting,
Open
Friendly
Community Oriented
Non-threatening
Loving
Comfortable
Safe
Outdoors - Natural
Unique
Used a lot
Nothing fancy - it's ok to spill
Durable
Long Lasting
Feel of a community center, but image of a religious institute
Kid Friendly
Christ Centered
Wheels Friendly
Non-judgmental
Tuned for hearing impaired
Windows and natural light

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LISTENING WORKSHOP 2 NOTES

April 17, 2011
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This workshop continued the planning process begun three weeks earlier. This workshop focused on the physical environments required to let Columbia Grove perform its ministries. We discussed:

1. how many people will occupy the space
2. Are there non-parish uses
3. What are the requirements for each space:
 - a. Special Shape and/or Size of space
 - b. Acoustics & Lighting
 - c. Image of the space
4. Are there ministries/programs that have no assigned location but need one.
5. What do you like/dislike about current facilities

Worship

Start with 400 seats
Off stage storage (instruments, etc.) Both secure and for general
Storage for chairs and tables
Stage - match size at School
Flexible worship space - but still good acoustics, looks nice, etc.
Possible quieting room / use also for prayer, changing room, multi-function.

Large Entry way (up to 200 people) - Multi-Functional
Coffee area - use Sunday mornings for refreshments, use midweek - not as a commercial venture, but to encourage the community to come.
No commercial feel.
Computer stations.

Nursery - 10-15 kids at one time - Storage - expansion abilities
Would like to separate into 0-2yrs, 3 yrs, 4 yrs.
Access to changing room - possible kitchen area between

Meeting

Lots of storage
Room flexible enough for use in community media for business meetings
20 people in each room?
Enough technology to feed video to rooms from sanctuary
Meeting hall for up to 400 as well

Youth Education

Every two grades in a classroom - K-1, 2-3, 4-5, Middle School, High School
Possible youth church - possible youth room, lounge
Children's library

Administration

Pastor's office (doubles as his counseling area)
Door, window, furniture
Meeting room for other staff to counsel - a conference room up to 12 people
Associate pastor's office
4-6 offices with common area - reception desk
Plan for expansion
Work space big table, 3-6 people working (Could you meeting room for layout)
Library bookcase in foyer, or in this meeting room - counseling books.

Grounds

Full sized Soccer Pitch
Playground - jungle gym - attached to children's area - fenced.
Basketball on parking lot
Parking for 400-600 vehicles
 Provide areas for snow piling
Park-like setting for picnicking -
Outdoor picnics
Amphitheater

Physical Plant

Storage, Storage, Storage
Needs Air-conditioning & Heating
Snow is big issue
Storage for grounds up-keep
Handicapped accessible
Area for covered dumpsters

Other

Shared parking with city hall possible
Allow for entire campus to be wired
Washer/Dryer/Showers (2 showers ea sex)
Property has irrigations rights to water
Property has irrigation pipe easement on it somewhere.

End of Workshop Notes.

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LISTENING WORKSHOP 3 NOTES

May 22, 2011
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m

This workshop involved creative brainstorming about the functional problems raised in our previous workshops. After a review of the use program, we broke into groups to “design” a solution. Afterwards each group presented their ideas to the whole group.

SUMMARY

Eight groups developed site plans:

1. All groups valued open space.
2. All groups utilized Fellowship Hall as overflow to the Worship Space.
3. All groups utilized views to the west.
4. All groups used outside areas adjacent to the building for Church functions.
5. 6 groups placed administration functions near the main entry.
6. 6 groups dispersed the parking around the new building.
7. 6 groups separated administration functions from youth and community functions.
8. 5 groups located the new building to the middle or far north of the site.

End of Workshop Notes