



UUF CO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." ~ Nelson Mandela

"We are thrilled." Those are Melissa Hochschild's words in our UUF CO press release when the selection of THA Architecture and Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company were announced. That is Melissa. Always the person to find the excitement and positive potential in everything she touched. As the Communications Advisor to the New Home Steering Committee, Melissa brought her expertise and enthusiasm to the project and showered them on us generously. Each time we read our New Home press releases, invitations and other public announcements, Melissa will be there for us. Melissa was UUF CO's Board Vice President, President and Past President from the day the New Home project became a reality to the beginning of the current construction. We have much to be grateful for as we reflect on the many decisions, big and small that she worked through with us. And her laughter. We'll remember the gift of her laughter.

This is the time in the project when construction progress is beginning to outpace the monthly newsletter updates. The look of the site is changing daily. With the favorable weather we've been experiencing the foundation is in and the exterior walls are going up. Additionally, if you've been past the site, you're seeing those fascinating looking Trombe walls facing south. The sanctuary Trombe wall is the tall one with the cutouts. (Trombe walls will provide passive solar heat, absorbing heat during sunlit hours of winter and then slowly release the heat over night.) For current pictures of the project, stop by the New Home Display each Sunday or check out the pictures on the UUF CO website, www.uufco.org.

Our contractor, Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC), has concluded their bidding process and they have selected the subcontractors who will be working on the project. Along with that process, KNCC has presented to UUF CO their Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for their defined scope of the project. Both the Steering Committee and the Board have approved the GMP. This step allows KNCC to proceed with engaging their subcontractors and ordering the time critical materials. The process preceding the GMP approval involved many, many hours of detailed construction document review. The initial construction cost presented was over the planned budget. THA, KNCC, Michael Marino, our Owner's Rep, and members of the Construction & Technical Advisory and Land & Site Committees, worked with the Design Committee to find aspects of the project that could be reduced (which is also called "value engineering"). We are now within less than 1.2% of the overall project budget. Our business partners felt comfortable in advising us that this budget difference will be eliminated through the remainder of the project. We are actively researching and pursuing other value engineering items.

The Design Committee (DC) met one last time with the architects from THA. Corey Martin presented his design in progress for the great sliding doors between the gathering space and the sanctuary. They will be a sculpted work of art in themselves, with seven pieces of glass representing the seven principles. These are the doors that can be opened when either the sanctuary or the gathering space need to expand. After being challenged to "prove it" that a skylight at the back wall of the stage would greatly enhance our sanctuary, our THA construction architect, Nic Smith, put together an actual 3-D model with angles of the sun and times of day marked so that we could peer in to see if it would truly be an asset or not. Look for the model at the New Home Display in coming weeks.

With the help of the Board and the Steering Committee, the DC, after looking at dozens of samples, selected chairs for the sanctuary, gathering space, fireside room, and multipurpose room. They are two variations of the same design (one upholstered and one not) that: fit the needs of all those spaces, are easily moveable and stackable, and--maybe most important--have been found most comfortable to sit in during meetings lasting three hours and more. Colors might even be decided by the time you read this! The DC is now working on the rest of the furniture for the building, including a few select custom pieces. They've chosen carpet for the administration area, and they're working on the Marmoleum flooring selection for childcare and preK/K spaces. As the building begins to take shape on the land, it's exciting to move on to the details inside!

Is there still time to contribute to the New Home Capital Campaign? Absolutely! You can find leaflet information at the New Home Display table or on our website, www.uufco.org.

You can stay current with the NHP activities in one or all of these ways: 1) the New Home table at Sunday service, 2) on the public page of the UUFco website (under the “About Us” tab), 3) in the members’ area of the UUFco website, 4) in All Congregation Emails (ACE) when we have date sensitive information to share and 5) by asking a member of the Steering Committee or subcommittees.

New Home Project Steering Committee: Dale Clark, Design Committee; John Coltman, Finance Committee; Don Hartsough, Capital Campaign Committee; Melissa Hochschild, Communications Advisor; Jerrie Jones, Secretary and Website Update Coordinator; Leslie Koc, Chair; Dave MacGurn, Land & Site Committee; Vernon Threlkeld, Construction & Technical Advisory Committee

You are welcome to send comments or questions to uufconewhome@gmail.com. We will respond to you directly and will share answers in a FAQ in the New Home section of the website.