

## Interior Design Subcommittee Response Template

Subcommittee: Children in the church (Sunday School and Children's Room committees)

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Date of last subcommittee meeting: December 18, 2012

1. What's on your subcommittee's "wish list?" Please briefly summarize key findings.

Children's room (CR): Open space. Same floor as the auditorium, with access to/from SS and outside.

Sunday School (SS): Space for six classes to meet separately (and without distracting each other) plus space for assembling all students and children in the CR. In addition, a nook or other non-traditional space would be helpful. Consider opening the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the SS.

Attractive, usable outdoor space, accessible by CR & SS. Both spaces should have lots of light.

Etc: Separate controls for the HVAC so that the SS & CR can control their temperature. Clear signage on outside advertising the SS.

2. What areas may need more discussion among the membership?

Landscaping should be child-friendly. (Water feature, climbing tree, bells that little ones can play.)

3. Who are the constituencies who will use this space?

To make the space available for meeting, we'd like water fountains, a sink, and small pantry, perhaps even a kitchenette. Also, a sound system within the SS. Projectors and other A/V capacity to permit lectures or spillover space for events in the auditorium.

4. What are the various functions of the space? Describe how it should work not how it should look.

Especially for the Sunday School and Children's Room, we need to ensure that noise doesn't travel, but natural light can. The SS, CR, and auditorium should be able to communicate with each other, and the SS and CR should be able to hear what is happening in the auditorium.

Those in the SS, CR, & auditorium should be able to gather immediately following the service.

The SS & CR spaces should be flexible to permit adaptation from week to week and for growth in the SS & CR over time.

Building Sub-committee: Children in the new building  
Notes from meetings

December 11, 2011

Present: Chuck Linderman, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Mark Schall, Evan Tausch, Amy Myers

December 18, 2011

Present: Chuck Linderman, Sandy Mathiesen, Mark Mathiesen, Jeni Greene, Nate Greene, Amanda Childs, Amy Myers

Thoughts shared separately by Nancy Hansen, Matt Sonnesyn, Paul Stimers, and Shirley Hassan

#### Children's room

- Open space.
- Larger than what we have now. Space for at least five children.
- Quiet space within the CR for sleeping kids, but not necessarily a separate room.
- Parents free from concern about children. Children shouldn't be able to see parents.
- Access to computer
- Same floor as auditorium
- Access to/from SS and outside
  - o So if SS is used as spillover space, CR can still function as a nursery.
- Place for car seats, accoutrements
- Close to bathroom or bathroom of its own.
- Changing table in the nursery
- Windows
- Outdoor space (more value for CR than SS)
  - o But there's a concern about smell. What are the possibilities for enclosing and controlling the temperature?
- Good solid door
- Table at children's height. Nothing attached to the walls in order to maximize flexibility.
- Tackable walls or white boards.
- Storage, closet.

#### Sunday School

- Ready access for each class to materials, books (shelves, etc. for each class)
- Wi-fi, access to computers
- Space for six classes to meet separately
- Need attention to sound from each class (especially the youngest). We need privacy, no disruptions.

- We're not necessarily committed to permanent, floor-to-ceiling walls, as we're interested in flexibility and light.
- SS is often noisier at the end of the hour, when the service is quieter.
- We want defined assembly space, probably on same floor as auditorium.
- We like the current visibility of the SS from outside the building
- Outdoor space: make balcony more attractive, enclosures – what are the options?
- Power outlets everywhere.
- Tackable panels lining classroom walls, so that classes can post maps, pictures, etc.
- We'd like water fountains, a sink, and small pantry, perhaps even a kitchenette, if we want the space to be available for meetings.
- Sound system within the SS. Projectors and other A/V capacity to permit lectures or spillover space for events in the auditorium.
- A “nook” or other non-traditional space (perhaps sunken into the floor) that can serve as a play space before or after SS or an alternative space for reading when a change of venue is helpful during SS.
- Consider opening 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor within Sunday School space. What are options for stairs within the SS (to limit distraction as kids move from assembly space to classrooms)?

#### Other considerations

- Signaling system, ways to communicate from auditorium, SS, CR.
- Capacity to hear the service in at least one room of the SS and the CR.
- Kids and congregation need a space to gather after the service.
- Light from one space to the other.
- Color
  - “God is love.”
  - Murals on the walls
  - Trains.
- Lighting – warm and cozy
- Separate controls for the HVAC so that the SS & CR can control their temperature

#### Auditorium and gathering space

- Seating for children
  - Car seats, small chairs available. Might require that seating in auditorium be flexible.
- Railings for space open to floor below
- Space in back of auditorium for children enter the service late (perhaps for last hymn)

#### Reading Room

- Kids' corner, with computer, audio/visual. Distinct. Enclosed or otherwise address sound.
- Flexibility so that the RR can be used as SS if needed

Bathrooms sized for children

Outside

- Bells that can be played (and turned off)
- Protect the tree (perhaps with monkey grass) so that access by climbers is difficult.
- Water feature – be mindful of children’s play, fingers, papers.
- Signage for SS – should be clear to passers-by that there are places for children.

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