

Faith Presbyterian Church

GIFTS ACCEPTANCE POLICY (adopted October 2019)

Introduction

With the completion and opening of the new Faith Presbyterian Church building there will be opportunities for members and friends to make donations of items for use in the building.

While the basic church building and design, under our contract with the builder, is fully funded for completion through our pledged giving and available mortgage funds; there are several optional items that may be desirable to enhance the usefulness, function or appearance of the facility.

In addition, members may desire to donate personal items which will add to the furnishings of the building. Or members may wish to purchase items for the church building or furnishings.

This policy covers a procedure for review of gift offerings prior to acceptance.

Scope

Gifts to the Church may be in the following forms:

Designated Cash Gifts

- Designated cash gifts for purchase of enhancements for the church building (i.e. stained glass, window tinting, musical instruments, lighting, office equipment)
- Designated cash gifts to purchase “wants or needs” as listed by the New Building Committee (i.e. outdoor sign, classroom divider, kitchen appliances).

Gifts-in-kind

- Personal items such as furnishings or artwork to add to the church decoration or functionality (i.e. office furniture, paintings, outdoor plants, sculptures, office equipment)
- Purchased items to complete the church functionality (i.e. kitchen appliances or equipment, grounds maintenance equipment, decorative plants and ornamentals, sculptures, chairs, book racks, storage bins)

Procedures

Prior to acceptance by Faith Presbyterian Church (hereafter “Faith Presbyterian Church”), all gifts will be subject to review for suitability with the mission and goals of FPC and for cohesion with the design and style of the facility. The designated contact for review of gifts will be one of the two cochairs of the New Building Committee, currently Jim Reich and Bill Young. They will both meet with the pastor and the appropriate subcommittee chair to review the gift offer as follows:

- Kitchen equipment, appliances or accessories – Peggy Reich – Kitchen Subcommittee Chair
- Furniture or decorations – Barbara Schmus – Interior Design Subcommittee Chair

- Outdoor landscape or hardscape – Sally Crawford – Landscape Subcommittee Chair
- Building enhancements or equipment – Jim Reich and Bill Young – NBC Cochairs
- Maintenance equipment or supplies – Building and Grounds Chair (TBD)

In many cases for gifts in kind or designated cash gifts, the subcommittees may have specific needs for items (i.e. type, size, model) which can be fulfilled by the donor.

All offer of gifts will be reviewed in a thoughtful and timely manner and the notification made to the donor within ten days.

Unless otherwise approved by Session beforehand plaques identifying donors (or honorees) will not be affixed to items donated.

Priority in Giving

Generosity is encouraged among the congregation. However, the Session urges all members to make their priority in giving the continuation and fulfillment of the annual operating and missions budget and fulfillment of remaining building fund pledges. Importance should also be directed to reduction of the building mortgage to enhance the operating and missions funding for the church in future years.