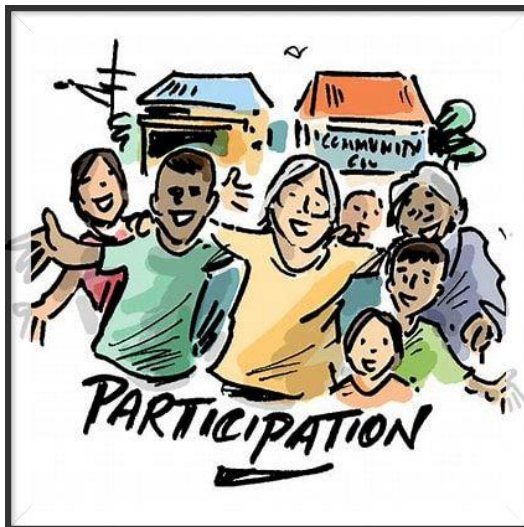




## Capital News Capital Campaign Committee January 8th, 2024

### Caring for God's House - Together



## Why did I volunteer? - Elaine

Note: Elaine and Tom were charter members of the church. She is serving as Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. Thank you, Elaine.

Members of the Capital Campaign have been asked why they chose to serve on this important committee. I volunteered to honor my husband, Tom, who served as the original chair of the RRPC Building Committee. I knew that while he was no longer able to be an active member of our church, it was a committee and

labor of love that he would very much want to be a part of. Had his health allowed he would have been the first one to sign up! So I said "yes", hoping that I might bring some of his faith and love of the building and RRPC into the work the committee was embarking on.

I must admit it has been work that is way outside my usual comfort zone (these are not teacher skills!). I know little about raising money and certainly don't like asking for it. Other than my own home, I don't have a clue about the issues that an aging

building are plagued with. Nonetheless, I felt compelled to answer the call.

In one of our first meetings last fall, we were asked "What do you bring to this committee that will help us raise \$400,000?". I thought long and hard about that question and asked myself, "Can I bring anything to this group that will be helpful?"

As I looked at and listened to the other 7 people who had agreed to serve, I felt very unqualified. I had no financial skills beyond managing our household budget, My experience with repairs was "do-it-yourself", (i.e., let Tom or son Tim do it, or check with someone who has more knowledge and experience, like dad or a brother). When all else fails, look on YouTube. And as a last resort call the professional! This approach is not real helpful when you're looking at roof repairs, air conditioning replacement and parking lot concerns for a commercial building. So, I answered truthfully, I bring history, a knowledge of how we raised the original funds for the building, and a very deep love for this building and congregation. This is something I feel passionate about and can commit to. I served for years on the Worship Committee, chairing and co-chairing that committee. I have been both a Deacon and an Elder, and have served as chair of an interim pastoral search committee and co-chair of a pastor nominating committee, so I was pretty sure I could collaborate with the other members.

I had decent writing /wordsmithing skills; but did I bring a specific needed skill? That was a big question. As I looked around the room and heard the skills the other 7 people had, I wondered, "should I be here"? As in so many of life's situations, I figured love, determination, a willingness to listen, and the ability to problem-solve go a long way. So here I am a year later, brimming with love and respect for the talented and dedicated people who serve on this committee. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation. I'm willing to give this project my best effort as we pursue our 3-year goal to raise \$400,000. Our slogan is "Caring for God's House - Together!"; and we try to involve as many people as we can.

Elaine



***Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1***  
**Thank you for your support!**

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