Boyceville Public Library Building Committee

Nov. 6, 2023 Meeting

Present: K. Anderson, J. Markham, C. Kyser, J. Thompson, C. Lange, A. Peterson, G. Julson, M. Blodgett, E. Blodgett, C. McNamara

Others Present: Val & Matt

Absent: A. Ames

J. Thompson - Who is going to be using the maker space? The answers will define the rest of the building.

The consensus was that the "small" and "medium" maker spaces won't work.

This committee envisions a 3D printer, sewing machines, enough room for a dozen people. Large, wheeled adjustable tables instead of counters, lots of electrical hook-ups, a sink for clean-up. The room should be flexible, as trends come and go. No carpeting.

Val and Matt presented "Library Program Comparison" handout and "Floor Plan in Progress" dated Nov 6.

Discussion of the Somerset Public Library, which has lots of arts and crafts supplies. We would like the ability to leave "craft of the month" supplies out in the maker space.

We don't want the multipurpose room to be a maker space. The children's area could be split into two sections, one for little and one for older elementary kids.

Should the office door be moved to the south end of the room?

The "cutouts" are architectural features that bring in more light. Allows seating to be set out into the garden area.

Glass walls in the maker space allow for lines of sight into the library. The current design is down to one fireplace in the Adult Section

Addressed safety concerns about visibility into the north vestibule and the NE corner of the building.

South windows of the children's area can have bench seating, which switch into task tables in the adult section. Stacks shouldn't face south windows if at all possible, due to sun exposure and fading.

Need to get thoughts and ideas from people who are NOT using the library. Focus groups: youth/children, teens, and those who need barrier-free access. People who don't use the library – Why don't they use it?

Next meeting, we'll be studying the massing of the building. Val won't be there. Matt will give us an understanding of the spatial potential. 3D

Future meetings are planned for the Third Monday of each month, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: E Blodgett, Seconded by C McNamara at 6:36 p.m.