

## MX Auditorium Stage Wall - Design Team : 08/20 mtg notes

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Thanks for meeting tonight, especially Brian Hill who just got back into town. Overall a very productive meeting and it was helpful to have everyone there as we needed to hear all the various perspectives.

Final resolution, as I understand it so please correct where needed, is that the team decided phase I should include:

1. removal of the hanging boxes
  1. build soffit to cover scar in ceiling
  2. replace existing lights in new soffit in same location
  3. replace HVAC vent in new soffit in same location
2. removal of ribs/slats
3. use drywall or skim coat to repair back wall (discuss pricing with contractor)
4. paint light neutral color. Thinking a white but Cora, Kara, and Brian to help with final decision

I will work with Keaton to put together a request for bid document to send to contractors.

Phase II may be:

- enlarging stage
- cleaning up A/V wires
- additional screens/monitors

Reminder that I've started to put some information together on a website here

... <https://www.building.mx.mxcoc.xyz/stage/stage.html>.

Let me know if anything is misstated or missing. **Looking forward to working with all of you on this project!**

---- Bret

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On Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 07:13:48 PM CDT, M Bret Blackford <bret\_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Reminder that we will meet in the MX auditorium tomorrow from 5:00-6:00. Wanted to be clear on time.

See everyone (and possibly Brian) tomorrow!

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On Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 08:07:31 PM CDT, M Bret Blackford <bret\_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

All,

It looks like this Sunday, August 20, will work for most. Brian Hill, I will forward you notes from the meeting. Would 5:00-6:00 pm work for most? We can push to 6:00-7:00 pm if more preferable, but I'm hoping the earlier time will work. We can meet in the auditorium, which will help the discussion.

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On Monday, August 14, 2023 at 04:27:57 PM CDT, M Bret Blackford <bret\_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Cora/Kara/Brian/Keaton/Jeff;

I am looking to form a design team to help evaluate possible improvements to the auditorium stage. Here are the individuals I hope can assist (and how):

- Cora Blackford (design)
- Kara Karraker (design)
- Brian Hill (video considerations)
- Bret Blackford (project management)
- Keaton Jones (construction engineer)
- Jeff Kryder (general review & congregational liaison)

The existing stage back wall is old and starting to show signs of wear and damage. The goal of this design team is to consider options and decide on a path forward. Currently I see the refresh of the auditorium stage to have two phases:

1. **Phase 1** - repair and repaint back wall
2. **Phase 2** - consider removing some or all of the dangly boxes over the stage. Main reason is to possibly make room for monitors or projector screen on side walls of stage.

Initial consideration of **Phase 1** resulted in the following proposal:

1. remove vertical wooden slats/ribs
2. drywall over entire front
3. mud and sand drywall
4. paint
5. all of the above should not interfere with Sunday worship. Stage wall may be in process on a Sunday but we should not have any scaffolding or lifts in the auditorium.

I want to discuss with the team and get buy-in/agreement before we start working with contractors on bids. Also, I will want Cora, Kara, and Brian to decide on wall color. I've involved Brian as some colors work better with video and some might produce harsh shadows.

It would be nice if we get contractors working this year on **Phase 1** but will need to start making some decisions.

**Would you be able to meet next Sunday evening, August 20, or Tuesday evening, August 22?** Let me know your preference and if there is a date you'll be unable to attend. I'll use the information to find the more agreeable date/time.

Also, I've started to put some information together on a website here ... <https://www.building.mx.mxcoc.xyz/stage/stage.html>.

Looking forward to discussing further with the team! Let me know if you have any questions.

--- Bret