

Building the Future at other Meetings

Sandy Spring Meeting, New Education Building: \$1.25 million

In 2004, the trustees at Sandy Spring charged a facilities planning committee to determine needs of the Meeting re: facility improvements. Between 2005 and 2009, the Meeting organized and conducted needs analyses, feasibility studies, listening sessions, and charettes to determine the sense of the meeting. The meeting authorized that a new education building be built to improve facilities for youth and adult education, and to provide gathering space for larger meetings and community activities. Fundraising began in 2009 to raise the estimated \$1.25 million that the new building will cost.

Langley Hill Meeting, New Addition and Renovations: \$1.1 million

In a 10 year initiative, Langley Hill razed and replaced the old addition to their meeting house. The new facility includes classrooms, gathering rooms, nursery, kitchen, and rest rooms. In addition, they improved their meeting room, which is an historic Methodist church building, with air conditioning, re-wiring, new insulation, and painting. Of the \$1.1 million price tag, Langley Hill borrowed \$350K, half from the FGC Meeting House Fund and half from within the meeting, then they raised the balance of \$750K.

Red Cedar Meeting, New Meeting House: \$750,000

In a project that also took 10 years, this 40 household meeting in East Lansing, MI built a new meeting house. It seats 70, but can accommodate 100 if wide doors to the adjoining library are opened. Also included in the facility are a kitchen and fellowship area, two classrooms, restrooms, and a storage area. The cost was financed internally; one attender loaned the Meeting \$275,000 at 5% interest, claiming that it was the most secure 5% investment he could make. An interesting note: Red Cedar Friends were told that if they built it, they would grow. They report growing significantly during the building process.