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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



Mike Espeset
President

My last meeting as a director for the Ames Community School District was on Monday, September 25. At this meeting, the 'old board' did a little business then concluded their work, and the 'new board' (consisting of new and old members) were sworn in and elected officers. This same process is happening at school districts throughout the state of Iowa now, and every two years in the weeks after the election.

The participants change and the work continues for each district. The focus is serving kids and each board will do it the best way they know how given the circumstances, their experiences, and their beliefs.

It has been my privilege to serve the community and to serve with the directors in my terms. Likewise, it has been my honor to support and work with dedicated administration and teaching staff. They really are the ones who make it work.

As a district and board, we have not been perfect. We sought progress, not perfection; action after study. Action being the key in many ways. It has not been without some hiccups, but it has been done with a sincere desire to do the right thing and willingness to act.

For me, this assignment has been far more thankful than thankless. For every critical comment I received, there were many more who said thank you for what you do. Ames can be very good that way. There is a vocal minority on many things, yet the silent majority is very much thankful for the work our elected citizens do. This is important work and we need competent, caring, and courageous people to step up to this assignment as well as other boards and commissions in the community.

In the middle of September, I had the chance to tour Story past-president Norman Riis and his wife Rita, and Gene Johnson, past-president Dick's widow, through our new office building. We are incorporating much of our history into the building with a reverence for our past and a nod to the efforts of the many who came before us. At the same time, the design and layout of the building focuses on our future, our work process, and our culture going forward. I believe my tour guests liked the direction we are headed. They are glad there is a respect for what was done while we take the necessary action to keep moving toward our future.

It strikes me that Story's transition in leadership and space is much like that in our school district's transition in board leadership. There is a changing of the guard; an appreciation for the past and a focus on the future.

Mike

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HEARTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH SETTLES INTO NEW AMES CHURCH

Heartland Baptist Church's 43,300 square foot structure at the corner of Stange Road and Bloomington Road in North Ames is hard to miss. The church features a prominent steeple, standing tall and easily visible among its surroundings. The church's exterior is a patchwork of stone, setting it apart from other buildings in the area. Subtler to the naked eye is the fact that the building outline is designed in the shape of a cross.

The church began the building process with a groundbreaking in March 2016. The "shell" of the structure was built by Story Construction; however, much of the interior and finishing work was performed by talented congregation members and friends of Heartland Baptist Church.

"This project is a unique project from a general contracting standpoint," says project manager Adam Papesh. "Our scope of work only included the shell of the building. All interior finishes, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical were performed by others through the owner."

The church is a two-story building with partial basement of 7,500 SF. Story's involvement included basement excavation and backfill, concrete foundations, and grade beams. In addition, Story placed concrete slab on grade in the basement and ground level, and slab on deck for ground level and second level as well as structural steel, structural steel metal studs for exterior walls, exterior sheathing, weather proofing, masonry wainscot and the elevator shaft. Story was also responsible for the Centurion stone veneer, metal truss, sheathing, and metal shingles. In addition, Story helped Heartland Baptist Church coordinate the elevator and MEP rough-ins.

Heartland Baptist conducted their first Sunday services in their new church on July 2, 2017, with approximately 500 people in attendance. After many months of hard work, Pastor Randy Abell reports that now that the congregation is in the new church building, using the maintenance building and the picnic shelter, they are thoroughly enjoying their new church property.

On July 9, one week after their initial Sunday worship, the church held their grand opening and ribbon cutting. July 30 was Appreciation Sunday, focused on recognizing those involved in the building of the church. Each company with an employee in attendance on Appreciation Sunday was recognized and everyone associated with that company was thanked during the service. Pastor Randy Abell says, "Some of you actually worked on our site, some made deliveries, some provided supplies and materials, some services and advice. And we are so appreciative of you and want you to know how thankful we are for you."

CLIENT

Heartland Baptist Church

DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

ARCHITECT

Roseland Mackey Harris

PROJECT MANAGER

Adam Papesh

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Matt Schwering

PROJECT SIZE

43,300 SF

YEAR COMPLETED

Building Shell November 2016;
Interior July 2017



CLIENT

Iowa State University

DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager – Agent

ARCHITECT

Haila ASP

PROJECT MANAGER

Scott Kutchen

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Stevan Massa

PROJECT ENGINEER

Jon Hand

YEAR COMPLETED

August 2017

BUSY SUMMER AT ISU'S RICHARDSON COURT RESIDENCE HALLS

Six of ISU's Richard Court residence halls are receiving a bit of a face lift. Built in the 1900s, Barton, Freeman, Lyon, Birch, Welch, and Roberts are undergoing renovation of all restroom facilities. The project will be completed in two phases. This summer Story completed the first phase in Barton and Freeman as well as site utilities for all buildings. Birch, Welch, Lyon, and Roberts will be completed in summer 2018. Each phase is being completed while the residence halls are unoccupied during summer breaks. The turnaround is quick for the amount of demolition and subsequent renovation. This work in Barton and Freeman began as soon as the students left on May 8 and was completed by July 31, ready for their return for fall semester. That means 59 working days for six bathrooms on three floors.

The scope of the project includes the demolition of existing bathrooms and portion of adjacent residence room to construct new, larger bathroom. The new bathrooms incorporate full height gypsum partitions and doors for individual, private showers and toilets. As is typical with any building of this era, minor structural and fire protection revisions are also being performed as well as some replacement of sanitary piping, among other upgrades.

The success of projects like this – with very quick turnaround and a timeline that leaves little room in the schedule to “make up” days – depends heavily on Story's operating system for pre-construction and construction: Construction Production 2.0. For more information on CP2.0, read the white paper at www.storycon.com.



STORY'S SMALL PROJECTS GROUP RENOVATES TECHNICAL SERVICES INCORPORATED (TSI)

Located at 57006 241st Street in Ames, TSI is a full-service manufacturer of custom automation equipment. They have been in business since 1977 and sought to upgrade their existing facility. Goals of the project included making the entrance and surrounding offices more inviting and functional.



The project scope included demolition of the existing second floor office space and mezzanine to create a new two-story office layout with a two-story entry space, interior vestibule, reception and waiting area, new restrooms, and meeting rooms. The exterior of the building received new metal siding over the existing siding and a new aluminum storefront and windows for both the first and second floors.

Story's Small Projects Group started the project in mid-April and completed the renovation in July.

CLIENT

Technical Services, Inc.

DELIVERY METHOD

Design+Build

ARCHITECT

Story Design, Ltd.

PROJECT MANAGER

Randy Cummings

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Ron North

YEAR COMPLETED

July 2017

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