



Feedback from the Board of Directors on the Future of the King George and Dove Houses

March 15, 2024

Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you to all the individuals who provided comments regarding the future of the King George and Dove Houses. The board was provided with all your comments and has reviewed them to ensure that we are considering all issues as we prayerfully decide what is best to present to the congregation for approval. There were nine responses encouraging selling the homes and five encouraging keeping the homes for a variety of reasons.

The houses have become the storage home of items that are long forgotten; the cleaning project has shown us just how much has been abandoned in these houses, which may not be good stewardship.

The board is considering the expense of keeping the homes, including insurance, utilities, and maintenance. In addition to routine household maintenance, we need to consider the expense and management of mechanical and structural elements.

There were suggestions that we either rent out the homes or use them for missions.

- The two structures would need considerable investment in upgrades to bring them to an acceptable level of habitation for temporary or permanent housing.
- While there are many great mission opportunities, we need to be intentional in what we can support. If we provide a home to a family in need or battered women (there is a host of security issues associated with this), there would be significant ongoing support that the church would need to provide. The board has contacted our attorney and insurer regarding using the houses for rental, including reduced and free, and were advised to ensure there are rental agreements and renter insurance to reduce liability issues that could put the church at risk. The church is not equipped legally or financially to provide housing of any kind.
- Low or no rent option for staff or teachers would require church staff to manage the facility, including rental agreement, liability concerns, etc.

We expect the child care to grow beyond what the two houses could accommodate in size and functionality. The campus master plan addresses additional child care space in our main facilities. There were several concerns regarding the space used by the quilters; a new meeting location for that group has been identified.

Selling the homes would go toward supporting SHLC's master plan as well as

discontinue paying the ongoing costs of maintaining these two houses. We need to strive to be in as good of a financial position as possible so we can respond to the ministry God has put in front of us.

In service to our Lord,
Shepherd of the Hills Board of Directors



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