

User Support Manager Report

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The construction of the Storage room continues. An issue for the Friend's to consider is that there are not provisions in the plans for either walls or ceiling included in the plans for the project. I had always assumed these were included in the project design, but apparently were not. I would suggest that the Friends look into what the cost would be to improve the ceiling to an acceptable condition and to install some vertical 2x4 studs on the cement walls to accommodate shelving installation in the future. I could ask Steven Lippincott for cost estimates for these elements.

The new cd player deck is installed and is being put to good use. The YYFAP Talent show, Zumba and Exercise class to name a few users, seem to find the new equipment to be of good quality and fairly easy to use. Let me know if anyone would like training on this new equipment.

The chair project is proceeding nicely. Selection has narrowed to several choices – and samples of these will be available for 'testing' with in a week. Thanks to the Ford Family Foundation for so quickly responding for our Grant request. They have awarded us \$9800 – the entire amount we requested! To supplement this amount a number of local organizations have contributed to the project: Notably the Friends (agreed to be fiscal agent), Ladies Club, Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Other contributions are pending. We have received samples of chair covering fabrics and colors. Seems like we have narrowed down our choice to a fabric type which will be both durable and comfortable. I will let you know when we get in the last sample chair – and we can decide which style will best fit our applications. We have been looking at chairs in terms of their comfort, durability and 'stack ability'. Thanks to Nan Scott, Karl Christensen and Carl Miller for their help in this process.

Work on the upgrade in the YYFAP kitchen is under way. A new dishwasher and hand washing sink have been purchased and are being installed this week. Now the staff will be better able to deal with the daily flow of dirty dishes in a sanitary and efficient way, and the kids will have a handy sink to wash their hands in when coming in from the bus or the playground before eating the snacks we prepare regularly for them. An extension of the present counter on West wall is being installed and the new fixtures will be mounted there. Thanks especially to Jo Crooks for helping with this project financially.

Robbie Schoonover recently made some curtains which will be mounted above the North doors of the Commons which can be pulled closed to block light out during daytime events in the MP room. Thanks Robbie for all your handily crafted gifts for the Commons.

Thank you,

Leon Sterner