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Polk County. Check out our plans!**

# A New Home



Proposed Polk County Democratic Party HQ and Community Center

## History

Our well loved, well used headquarters, (HQ) at 64 Ward Street according to tax documents - was built in 1941. But it wasn't home to the Polk County Democratic Party until it was purchased by them in April 1984 from the Columbus Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. The cost was \$27,000 and had a mortgage of \$19,000. Our HQ is now 85 years old.

A few years later, one of the club members anonymously paid off the mortgage and we became the first county party in NC to own a permanent headquarters.

Since then it has been our home. The home of the Polk County Democratic Party. We are serious minded people who care about good governance. We strive to help elect the kind of honest and competent representatives we all want and deserve.



Our HQ back in May of 1989

## A New Home

Our new home will be a major upgrade not just for us, but for the people of Polk County as well. Our headquarters will double as a community center for all to use when available.

A great deal of planning and effort has gone into making this HQ and community center possible. Our plans most certainly would not be happening without the donations of Polk County residents who share our vision. But their patience we realize is not infinite.

## WHY NOW?

We are under no illusion that building a new HQ “now” has bad optics. We wish we didn’t have to do it. But if we don’t replace our aging building now on our own terms we will be inviting bigger problems down the road. We are being proactive and responsible so that we can continue to serve the community we care about so deeply. And frankly, donors want to see their donations (earmarked for just this project) put to use.

We are looking ahead or “past” the troubling era we find ourselves in. We are more than certain we can do two things at the same time. It will be harder, but the end result will be worth it.

A cautionary tale for our current situation. In December of 2009 the Republican Headquarters in Columbus had its roof cave in because of neglect and a big snowstorm. Built in the 1950’s or 1960’s it was a brick and cinder block structure that had been built originally as the town post office. After the roof collapse it

wasn’t clear where the group would meet to conduct their business. The building was a total loss. We hope to avoid this scenario happening to us. Thankfully nobody was hurt when the Polk GOP roof collapsed. By replacing our 85 year old building now we are being responsible hosts.

The numbers for repair vs. replacement were smithed endlessly for a time and repairing the building was ultimately deemed to be a bad idea.

*In 2009 the roof of the Republican HQ in Columbus collapsed due to neglect and heavy snow. The building was a total loss.*

## Our Current Situation



**Left:** The exterior of the building is rather porous with lots of voids for small animals to access the crawl space area. There is zero natural light in the main room and poor environmental control.

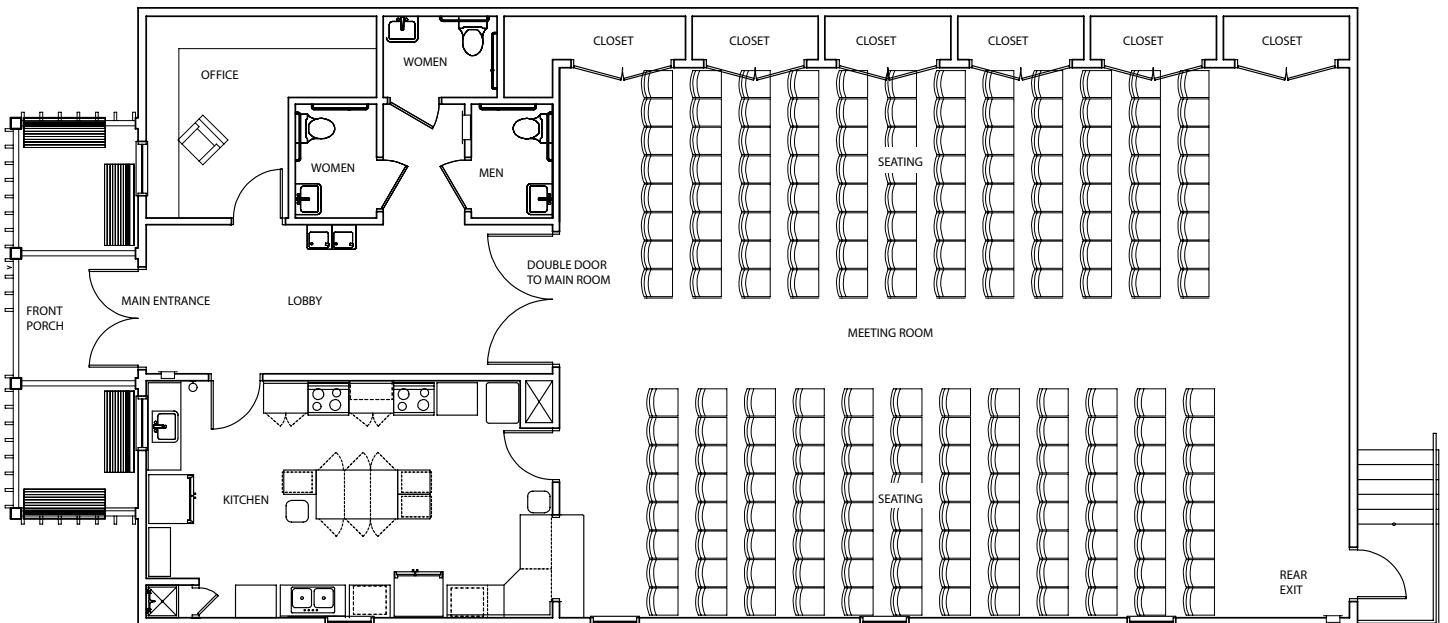
**Right:** The main meeting space is cramped for our needs. The floor is sagging in the 85 year old building described as a “club house” in tax documents. The roof is suspect and the electrical defies remedy. There is no storage of any sort or an office and the only bathroom is terrible.



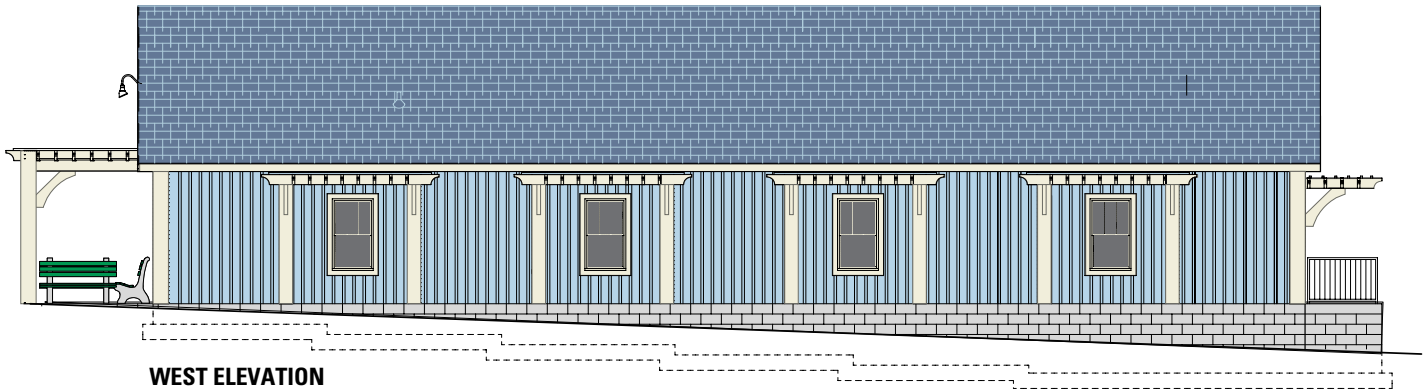
## Our Plans



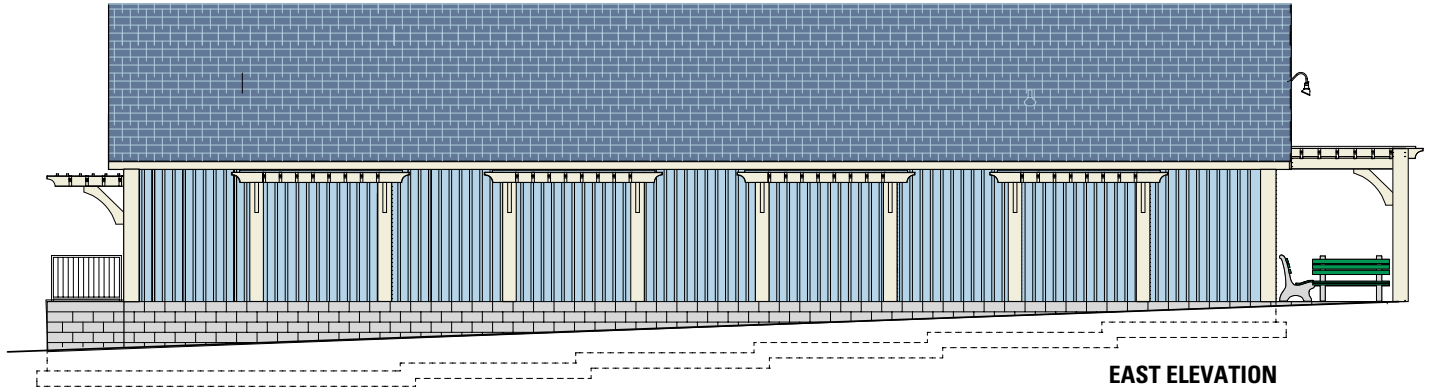
Above is an illustration of the front of our new HQ and Community Center as seen from Ward Street



Above is a simplified floor plan showing the interior layout of the structure. The kitchen has been meticulously considered. There are 3 bathrooms which are required due to code. The front porch will remain largely the same dimensions and is a nice spot to relax and consider weightier issues.



**WEST ELEVATION**



**EAST ELEVATION**

The west side elevation (top) features more arbor refinements and will provide beautiful sunset lighting. The current building has one window in the kitchen half clogged by an AC window unit. The east elevation is largely the same except it doesn't feature any windows but retains the arbor details shown above. The arbors will be built and painted by volunteers to save money.

The rear or south facing elevation (not shown) has our rear fire exit and also retains the arbor detail that is a unifying design element throughout the building design. It is reminiscent of a southern porch and brings an easy and inviting look to the building.

## Old vs. New

FEATURE	EXISTING BUILDING	NEW BUILDING
<b>Overall Building Size</b>	25' x 46'	38' x 75'
<b>Heated Space</b>	1,150 sq. ft.	2,850 sq. ft.
<b>Multi-Purpose Room Size</b>	35' 4" x 23' 3"	48' 7" x 33' 10"
<b>Seating Capacity</b>	40-50 people	217 in chairs 96 at tables
<b>Kitchen Size</b>	8' 5" x 13' 6"	14' 7" x 25' 0"
<b>Number of Bathrooms</b>	1 (not ADA compliant)	3* (ADA compliant)
<b>Lobby Size</b>	0 - none	9' 2" x 25' 0"
<b>Office/Workroom Size</b>	0 - none	12' 5" x 14' 2"
<b>Front Porch Size</b>	7' 7" x 22' 5"	7' 9" x 24' 0"
<b>Storage Space</b>	0 - none	2' 8" x 54' 0"

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\*Number of bathrooms required by code



## PLEDGE and PAYMENT FORM

Thank you for supporting the construction of a new headquarters building that will provide the much needed space to successfully perform business while also ensuring that endeavors can grow and continue into the future.

Print your name/s (as you wish it to appear) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not list my name on published lists check here \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/s (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation/s (Required by NC election law)

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Enter "Retired" if you are retired OR list your Employer/s.

### Pledge and Payment Information

I pledge to contribute a total sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ according to the following terms:

CHECK ONE:

One-time contribution, payable to PCDP Building Fund, is enclosed today.

To be paid by check/s for receipt no later than January 31, 2027.

To be automatically deducted using the Yellow Dog Club online process that I completed.

### Contact Information

Print your full name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

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2<sup>nd</sup> Person, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*All donated money is deposited in the PCDP Building Fund, a bank account specifically designated for the construction of the new Polk County Democratic Community Center and will not be used for any other purpose. Donations to political organizations and their properties are not tax deductible.*