

Why Did the General Meeting Move?

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Last summer, the Board of Directors decided to move the monthly General Meeting from its historical site in Stoffer Hall at Washburn University to the Pizza Hut at 10th and Gage on a trial basis. Following that experiment, the board decided to hold the general meeting at the new site indefinitely.

To find the reason for this change, go down 17th street by Stoffer, and look at the construction site where a parking lot used to be. The building is undergoing a renovation that is to last for several years. Our former meeting room, Room 103, no longer exists. The other large auditorium room, Room 101, won't be there for long. The lobby area will also be converted into class space. The planetarium and Crane Observatory will remain, at least for now. The Physics Department offices have been moved out of the building altogether, and offices for other departments are moving around as well. Classes will not be scheduled in the building at all over the summer.

The Pizza Hut has actually worked out pretty well. It provides a way for people to get together before the meeting, and bring the family along, too. The January meeting, Beginning Astronomy, has had a larger audience than other meetings, so it will be held this year at the public library. Other sites may be used for that meeting over the next few years.

We don't know what situation we'll be facing at Washburn after the renovation; we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. Nor do we know exactly when that time will be. In the meantime, if you have any ideas about the format of the general meeting, please notify any board member or officer. We're always open to suggestions. And thanks for your patience.