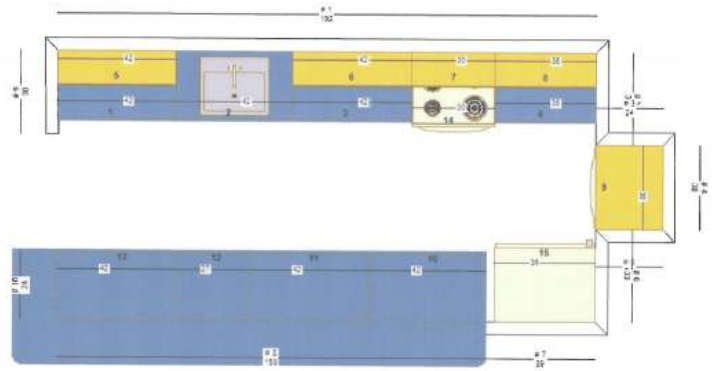


Kitchen Remodeling

In January a task force consisting of board members Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren & Barbara Franklin and chapter members Diane Sannes, Judy Klohs, Jennifer Leslie, Kathy Larson and Jerry Steele was formed to make plans to remodel the Chapter House kitchen. The group has met several times, and has taken a field trip to look at appliances and restaurant equipment.

3 sets of preliminary kitchen layout plans were given to the Kitchen Task Force as a starting point, one of which is provided here.



In January Jason Newby from the City of Brooklyn Park met with us to answer questions on the licensing requirements for commercial kitchens. It was determined that based on our direction for the kitchen's use, that we would fall under the Minnesota Statutes Section 157.22 for Exemptions which does not require any special licensing. Also in attendance, was Carol Knutson from Spectacular Catering, who is providing us with suggestions for improvements from a caterer's perspective.



The Chapter wants an up-to-date, efficient, functional kitchen that will maintain the current rustic appearance of the Chapter House and provide ease of use for renters. New appliances and an adequate electrical service are a must. Under discussion is whether to eliminate or modify the east enclosing wall where the door is now, and we want to extend the remodeling to the storage closet as well. Under the serving counter will be open stainless steel shelving that will be accessible to renters, but the front of the counter will retain a knotty wood façade. We hope to have drawings of actual plans to scale soon.