



“How to Approach a Home Refresh or Renovation”, and she also illustrated her talk with PowerPoint slides. She advocated “strategic whole-home transformations” instead of just single-room makeovers; “the renovation should be reflective of the context of the entire home’s character”. The points she touched on at this point involved:

- Safety
- The vision for the home
- The renovation (get bids, hire a contractor)
- Determining fixtures and textures (her favorite step)
- Furniture
- Style and décor

She went on to outline steps in this process:

- Lifestyle needs (“the movie set of your life”)
- Vision board (customizing details in decorating and furnishing)
- Space planning
- Investment planning (in what parts do you particularly want to invest?)

Combs recommended hiring an architect for a big addition or major changes to your home; hiring an interior designer for smaller projects; and always using a good contractor over “do it yourself” renovations. To continue the conversation individually, she invited those interested to email her at – [wendy@wendycombsstudio.com](mailto:wendy@wendycombsstudio.com)

President Dugan asked the two presenters if they would like the slide deck for their presentation to be available for reference on the main SMILE website, and both agreed.

There being no other business to attend to at this meeting, Pat Hainley made a motion for adjournment, Suzanne Kruse seconded the motion, and it became obvious that the motion had carried with unanimity. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.