

B&G – September 7, 2016 Meeting Notes

Attending: Pete, Stefan, Roger, and Bobbi; Excused: Gary, Mark, Phil, and Erik

1. Financial Report – Reports provided prior to Gwen’s departure show budgets are in good shape.
2. Elevator issue – Bruce Casler TK tech repaired the alarm, bypassed the key circuit so key is no longer needed to operate elevator. The call/car here lights have been ordered by Bruce and he is checking on status.
3. B&F approved recommendation to contract with AFE Wildlife Nuisance Control to address our bat problem; church council will review at their September meeting. If approved, **Pete** will request formal contract detailing scope of work and copy of their certificate on insurance.
4. Bobbi secured a quote for \$884.00 from North Country Window fashions for blackout shades for three windows in the Romer Room. Because of a 4-6 week production time I tried to fast-track this request with B&F so Council could review at September meeting. Two members of B&F requested it be placed on the agenda at their September meeting so Council will not see this until their October meeting. Bobbi also priced out comparable shades at Lowe’s and they are about the same price. **She** will confirm with NCWF that bid includes installation.
5. Fred Glover completed about 70% of the side entrance painting. He did not get to the upper reaches of the stairwell and ceiling. We need to finish after coming up with a strategy to safely reach high spots. We looked at this and **Stefan** is looking into borrowing adjustable step ladder for stairs to stage planking to reach high spots.
6. Replace basement bathroom ceiling tiles – **Stefan will take care of this**
7. Landscaping improvements on east side of church – We looked at this area and agreed to wait 2 weeks to see how much of the VA Creeper is growing back before making call to apply Round-Up to this area.
8. Lost and Found update – Since a table was set-up in the Social Room with all L&F items on it for claiming a couple of Sunday’s ago, Pete removed items the following Monday. C&CP and St. Vincent DePaul thrift stores took all the items.
9. Bobbi completed monthly fire extinguisher inspection
10. We discussed request from David Nelson on behalf of elderly member regarding making the side entrance restroom ADA compliant. We looked at space and hallway is too narrow for a wheelchair to turn. **Pete** is checking with David to see if member may only be asking for us to install a handicapped toilet which we think may be possible.
11. We need to contact from Locke’s Landscaping for snow removal, leaf raking, and lawn cutting service for 2016-2017 season. **Pete** to call Tyler Locke.
12. Bobbi has removed about 500 copies of Max Coot’s book Leaning Against the Wind to her barn. It was suggested that we consider giving a copy to new members when they join (with a pot-luck pack). **She** will speak with membership committee about this suggestion.
13. This prompted discussion of items stored in bell tower room. **Pete and Bobbi** to inventory contents on 9/15 and contact other committees in an attempt to get rid of expired items. B&G feels the less this space is used for storage, the better.
14. At James’ request B&G is taking a closer look at front landscape view from across Main Street to see how much of the view of the building is blocked by trees. From this

perspective, it is clear that the crown of the large silver maple and the large cedar trees at the left corner of the building are obscuring large parts of this side of the church blocking some very interesting architectural features. The cherry tree and cedar trees on the right side of the property are blocking views of the church. We feel we can prune the silver maple and cherry tree but the cedars are too big for the space and should be removed. We are concerned about cutting them down without a broader discussion. Pete to write article for October newsletter bringing problem to the attention of members and asking them for alternative solutions.

15. We also looked at the cherry tree in the Memorial Garden. The lowest limb is dead and most of the remaining crown extends out over the roof which is not desirable. Pete to speak with Kathy Wyckoff about removing the tree and some other pruning that needs to be done in this area.

New Business:

1. Check fire extinguishers
2. Request via David Nelson on behalf of an elderly member to make side-entrance bathroom a handicapped accessible bathroom

Next Meeting: October 5, 2016