

B&G August 2, 2017 Meeting Notes

Old Business:

1. Financial Reports reviewed; all budget lines are looking good
2. **Pete W. and Miles M.** are taking this project on after numerous attempts to reach mason Clay Streit failed. They are going to install a membrane roofing material on the floor of the bell tower. Membrane will come up 3-4 inches on the sides of the bell housing and interior walls of the tower.
3. **Stefan** will finish painting side entrance staircase up to 2nd floor room end of next week
4. **Roger** is ordering “high test” vinegar to apply to east side of church. If it knocks back weeds, fall planting of day lilies and daffodil bulbs.
5. Decision by B&F to not approve CRF funding of repairs to stained glass windows in Bell Tower was discussed. Bobbi expressed her disappointment that decision does not support B&G mission of preserving our building regardless of space usage and stained glass hidden by storm windows. We agreed to continue monitoring the windows. Bobbi and Erik removed a cracked storm window for repairs at Coakley’s.
6. Automatic door opener has arrived and is stored in office. **Gary and Pete to install**
7. Dave reported on a pipe insulation product using lava rock that Triple A is getting a price for upgrading heating pipe insulation servicing James’ office. Cornerstone bid of (\$3,250) to resolve heating issues in James’ office are on hold. **Dave**
8. Pete and Keenan have replaced plastic socket extenders with a porcelain extender in most of the sanctuary ceiling lights. One of the fixtures needed a repair which Stefan has fixed. There are still a few lights that need porcelain extenders which have been ordered. Pete purchased a 550 lumens dimming LED light and it seems to be providing enough light. Group looked at it and there is concern that it may not be bright enough if all the lights were this LED type. We need to look for higher lumens dimming LEDs as we switch over. **Stefan** will finish this job when order is received.
9. **Gary** took the black bench home to make repairs and will return it in two weeks.
10. **Phil** will make repairs to the two pulpit chairs.

New Business:

1. Bobbi inspected all the fire extinguishers
2. Pete updated group on request from Welcoming Committee to investigate a wall mounted name tag holder cabinet. Finding no options on line, he initiated discussions with Bill Smithers a local furniture maker. Bill has visited church twice and with James’ input, we have decided to install cabinet on the wall in the social room that abuts the sanctuary. Bill built a small mock-up demonstrating how tags will slide into a slot. This will require members with the older style more rigid name tags to switch over to the new larger more flexible name tag. For those members who have customized name tags, a space at the bottom of the cabinet is in the plan to store these name tags. Bill plans to make the cabinet out of birds-eye maple with a cherry frame. It will be ready for installation by the last week of September. A deposit check of \$300 has been sent to Bill.
3. Group looked at the ramp (metal truck ramp) that Social Action asked for to assist Red Cross is easier access to the church for blood drives. August 8 blood drive will be a test drive of the ramp to see if Red Cross feels it is helpful. An issue will be winter storage.
4. Bobbi noted we will need to repair/paint wall in social room when the “how to get there” map is removed. Every dot on the wall was stapled.
5. Sara shared requests from the Kitchen Cabinet to:

- a. Purchase another rolling cart to store various items that are left in the kitchen after events. **Bobbi** is ordering the cart from St. Lawrence Supply
 - b. Order new labels for cabinets and drawers as they have moves things around. **Phil** will order new labels from UPS Store
 - c. Groups are forgetting to unplug coffee machine. **Sara** will address with Ashlee at Campus Kitchens since they are the offender.
 - d. To remove horizontal shelf in the tray and cutting board cabinet and install vertical shelving so trays and boards can be stored on their sides. **Sara** to speak with Helen or Margaret about researching options on line and ordering the option they want.
 - e. Roger noted that KC wants to experiment with keeping the kitchen doors closed during social hour to eliminate traffic that comes in and out or lingers to have conversations. Pete reminded group that when space was renovated, the Dutch door was retained so top half could be open during social hour and the rolling cart left in front for members to stack dirty dishes. He will share this information with Helen.
6. Sara shared request from Communication Committee for recommendation on how to secure a wall mounted flat screen to be installed in the Romer Room. Since their concern is not theft but individuals pushing buttons, touch screen, etc. we recommended getting a canvas cover for unit and seeing what happens before installing a wall mounted cabinet.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2017