

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

4501 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111

816-531-2131, www.allsoulskc.org

Fax: 816-756-5651

Member, Unitarian Universalist Association



August 30, 2017

Dear ASUUC Capital Campaign Supporter:

Our renovation project has been moving along full steam ahead, and we want to update you in case you have missed church chats, *Flame* and *Flicker* reports. You may recall your positive vote at the Annual Meeting approved reducing the scope of the project to include:

- new roof for the entire facility;
- more efficient heating and cooling compliant with current building codes;
- masonry repair;
- new wall coverings and carpet in the Lobby; and
- an elevator.

Your Renovation Steering Committee(RSC) has been meeting twice a month all summer to work with the architects on revised design documents and bids. The contractor with the lowest bid for the original project (Straub), has agreed to remain involved and is still under consideration for general contractor.

We have recently accepted a bid from Zero Pitch Roofing. We expect a minimum of disruption to church activities as they begin removing our old roof and replacing it. Projected completion of this project is late fall of this year.

After considerable deliberation and cost comparison, we have decided on an exterior elevator on the Warwick side of the building, adjacent to the outside stairs. This elevator design has many advantages:

- Minimal disruption to activities at the church;
- Continued availability of the building for rental;
- Ability to proceed with replacing the roof immediately;
- Preservation of coat room upstairs and existing space downstairs;
- Relief of elevator traffic in the bottleneck area of the existing hallway.
- Preservation of future design flexibility.

Installation of the elevator will take some time. We hope to have completed design documents and bids by the third week in September. By the time we review the bids, sign a contract and order the elevator (which takes approximately 8 weeks), we will be nearing winter weather. Depending on the timing, we may proceed or postpone installation until spring.

Finally, your RSC is fully committed to guiding this project to completion. Our goal is to complete the renovations by June, 2018. Remember, all our meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the church website for your information. Don't hesitate to call on any member of the RSC if you have questions about the project, need clarification or have suggestions for improvements.

Although our original renovation project had to be scaled back, fulfillment of your pledge is just as important to completion of important maintenance and enhancement to our building. Your RSC wants to thank you again for your generous pledges, your continued support of the project and your patience as we work toward making our church safer, more accessible and more welcoming.

With gratitude,

Lamar Hicks and Jane Wilson, Co-Chairs, RSC