

Building Renovations Steering Committee Minutes

May 18, 2017

Present: Jane Wilson, Bob Miller, Chuck Downing, Don Wakefield, Diann Spencer (attended remotely), Ruth Robarge and Carrie Bader

Jane called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Bob lit the chalice and Chuck read the covenant.

Construction Task Force Report

Parking options are still being explored with One Main Plaza. We need to encourage people to use the 13 spaces secured at the Art Institute for Sunday mornings. Building security has been placing signs. The City has determined that the no parking signs on Walnut will not be changed.

Tom Everitt, Don Wakefield and Tom Pistorius are stepping down from the CTF.

The Steering Committee wants to acknowledge and thank these gentlemen for their extraordinary effort, diligence and care they have provided this project in particular and the our beloved church community as a whole. The committee will meet soon after the annual meeting to determine new leadership for the CTF or perhaps a change in task force's charge.

Input from the Board of Trustees.

The Board did approve both resolutions for inclusion on the annual meeting agenda. Carrie shared some of the thinking from the board as to proceeding or waiting hoping the cost would go down in the fall or winter.

During discussion the Steering Committee suggested and Carrie agreed to present resolution one, providing for the change in scope of work, then move on to resolution two, exploring changes to Conover while the vote on resolution one was tallied. If resolution one passed to then give the congregation an opportunity to decide whether to delay the project in hopes of the cost going down in the fall, or proceeding immediately.

Preparation for Annual Meeting

Jane has prepared a list of Pro's and Con's as to whether it is better to delay till winter or proceed during the summer months. Also Jane, and all of the committee, will gather answers to possible questions including; the increase in contractors profit margins from about 12% when we got the estimate to now 30% or more, there is no way to know if the costs are peaking, possible fall discounts, how to sensitively address concerns from pledging members about not getting all they were hoping for, losing the "wow" factor, remembering our process, examples of how responsive and informative GW has been, etc.

Financials

Bob reviewed information on the Closing the Gap report, which had been sent via email. He pointed out that with the reduction in scope the loan amount may be less and the church should end up with a lower mortgage.

The next meeting will be shortly after the Annual Meeting, and announced via email. Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.