Steering Committee: Capital Campaign and Building Renovations  
Summary: September 30, 2015

Attendees: Lamar Hicks, Jamie Koelsh, Chris Davis, Tom Everitt, Diane Cassity, Bob Miller, Jane Wilson, Rev. Kendyl Gibbons

After a chalice lighting by Diane and check-in, Bob read the covenant the committee created in August. When all members are present we will seek consensus on this covenant.

Jamie reported signing of a contract with Barry Finkelstein to proceed with the financial feasibility study. Jamie and Yvonne continue to work on a case statement. Jane reported Suzanne Raney has indicated a willingness to work on this with them. The Capital Campaign Task Force will need assistance in the future with people to attend Yuleboecks, training for stewards, and hospitality during Barry's visit in Dec.

Chris and Tom reported the Architectural Design Task Force is collecting comments from ADTF members about GastingerWalker's draft Program Report. ADTF co-chairs will compile all comments and present them to GW before publishing the report to All Souls' website. GW is entering the concept design phase of the project. ADTF will be meeting with ADTF on Oct. 11 and 25 and Nov. 8. All congregants are welcome to attend as observers.

The Steering Committee discussed price points for the three tiers of concept designs GW is working on. We will have more accurate information after Barry's financial feasibility study, but until then, we can rely on work already done with Barry and the CCTF and what Kendyl has done for the annual pledge drive. The three concept designs from GW will represent “needs,” “wants,” and “aspirations” with corresponding costs.

Recognizing we have difficult and possibly contentious decisions ahead of us, Jane proposed a congregational survey about precious places and artifacts that All Souls will need to preserve during the renovation. She has recruited Peter Griggs to help develop the survey.

The Steering Committee urgently requests the Board to develop a policy regarding who and how we decide to make changes to aesthetics, functions and use of our facility in situations that do not require a congregational vote. A survey can be a tool to inform the decision-making process, but should not be the only consideration.

At our next meeting we will consider future task force duties and how to recruit volunteers to work on them.

The committee will work on signage for the table in the lobby on Sunday. Chris can print large signs at his place of work.

Next Meeting: The Steering Committee will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the Meeting Room, except in Dec., we will meet in Conover. All congregants are welcome to attend as observers.