

Minutes September 16, 2014
Building Committee

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Attending: Dean Vang, Sr. Warden Claverie, Jr. Warden Miller, Mary Withington, Gordon Boyd, Mark Parobeck, Geoffrey Delbridge.
Guests: Jack Waite and Shannon Brown, architects

Minutes of the September 2 meeting were accepted.

Architects' report. Mr. Waite and Ms. Brown will be introduced at the September 30 parish meeting, and present their initial ideas and areas of inquiry concerning the restoration of the church and design of the New Parish House (NPH). 30 minutes will be allocated for their presentation, including about 10 minutes for questions and answers.

The architects have begun measuring the existing church building, and will have drawings of floor plans and cross sections soon. Exploring the undercroft, they discovered a number of ancient and venerable artifacts, including an old wooden altar, which Dean Vang suggests be brought into the church, to replace the existing makeshift side altar.

Searching is still under way for the original drawings by Richard Upjohn, so far not turned up in the Columbia University library. Some partial drawings by A. Paige Brown have been turned up, which depict the plans for the west end. Plans for the 1995 ADA addition have not been located yet.

Undercroft of the church presents a challenge. It is inhospitable presently. Uses that could be located there were discussed, such as the main HVAC plant for both buildings. The architects discussed the possibility of excavating that level to accommodate more headroom and thereby a more pleasant atmosphere.

The Landmarks Conservancy application form was presented by the architects. Committee members Boyd and Withington will start the work, requesting some help from parish historian Jane Agee, and return to the architects for technical information to complete the application. The goal is to apply for funding for a condition assessment, with the opportunity to apply for major funds for restoration work on the church building as soon as possible.

Mission Survey: Miller and Withington distributed the draft survey, which all agreed represented excellent work. The survey will be produced in the parish office and mailed as soon as possible to the entire parish list, about 500 names.

Clerk of Works announcement: Will run in the bulletin Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5.

Partnership Expressions of Interest: Boyd reported on responses received from the Request for Expressions of Interest in the NPH from community groups. One nursery school has expressed interest in further discussions. The Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis organization needs space for financial management clinics. The Adirondack Trust Community Fund and the YMCA both recommend we include rooms for meetings that overflow their facilities. Boyd distributed information about a group that markets Fair Trade handcrafts produced in 20 countries by 3,000 women artisans. Such stock might help fill the planned shop in the NPH.

Next Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday October 1.