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Building Committee Minutes July 28, 2015 and Activity REPORT below.

Attending: G. Boyd, Mark Anspach, Sr. Warden Claverie, Jr. Warden Miller. Absent excused: M. Parobeck, M. Withington, excused Dean Vang. Guests: Shannon Brown, JGWA, Vincent Pizzarelli, Communications Sound Specialists.

Minutes of July 15, 2015 were accepted for the record.

Vincent Pizzarelli was welcomed to present his credentials for assisting JGWA on audio-visual/information technology options (AVIT) for both the NPH and church complex. A lengthy and detailed conversation ensued that covered what the parish would want for both presentations in the Hall and other spaces of the NPH, as well as audio feeds from the church to the Hall and/or courtyard. AV requirements inevitably lead to considerations of both IT and security. Pizzarelli was well informed on all matters, and his professional experience appears to make him qualified to meet our needs.

Among the measures for the church building discussed in some detail were: teaching technology in the undercroft music department spaces, assistance for the hearing impaired in the church, a new audio and recording system in the church, especially for projecting the spoken word from all locations, a video in the church for streaming Sunday services or special events onto the internet.

Among the features discussed for the NPH building were WiFi throughout, special elements for the teen lounge and child care spaces, configurations of audio and plasma screens in the Hall, standard elements for the rental office spaces, green (environmentally sound) technology to control lighting and HVAC systems, and security technology to assure access to the complex is under proper control at all times. Pizzarelli will give a proposal to JGWA to provide appropriate technical elements for the plans.

Boyd reported that Brause has reversed his position and will not allow us to use any of his property for staging during construction. This is disappointing. However, it has been learned that Toby Milde has purchased the Oppenheim property, so further inquiries will ensue.

Boyd gave an update on the easement for the church steps. Vestry has voted to retain attorney James Cox, of Snyder, Kiley, Toohey, Corbett and Cox to handle easement and possibly construction phase contracting needs.

S. Brown reported on status at the City Planning Board, and the Planning staff's insistence that we set the building back farther onto our own property to make a wider sidewalk. Doing so would squeeze the entry ramp for the disabled, and we wish to bring that to the staff's attention on August 12 at the Planning Board meeting. An archeological study has been begun. Jack Waite is speaking with SHPO to determine the requirements for our site.

Boyd reported that capital campaign interview set-ups have been delayed, probably until early September.

Next meetings, 7 p.m. Tuesday August 4, 25.

City Planning Board, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m. August 12.

REPORT: I neglected to mention at the meeting that Shannon Brown and I met earlier Tuesday (4 pm) with Nigel Johnson, Cohoes Design Glass Associates, Inc. to survey the removal and restoration of the two stained glass windows in the Parish House. They remain Bethesda's property, but need work, especially the Trask window at the landing. Johnson will provide us with a proposal and estimate shortly. He seemed eminently capable, and is recommended by JGWA. –Gordon Boyd