

Building Committee Minutes September 8, 2015
Activity Reports September 8
Planning Board meeting notes September 9

Next Meetings: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, 28.

Attending: G. Boyd, M. Claverie, D. Miller, M. Parobeck, M. Anspach, Field Horne, M. Withington, Dean Vang. Guests: Jack Waite, Shannon Brown, JGWA. Absent: G. Delbridge

Minutes of August 25, 2015 were accepted for the record.

Brown and Boyd reported on a meeting earlier September 8 with Farrell Goehring and Kathleen Slezak from the music department and Ed Ruggiero of Kohler Ronan, the AF-IT specialist for that firm. A degree of dissatisfaction with the location and space available for the choir and music library and offices is evident from our staff. Effort was made that morning to elicit specific desires and requirements for the undercroft space to make it an accessible modern teaching facility. Both Brown and Boyd felt that by the end of the meeting there was a greater sense of engagement with the requirements for making the undercroft location suitable. Technology, adequacy of spaces, rest rooms and vesting areas were all given consideration. AV-IT approaches to conveying the services to the NPH and the internet were also discussed.

Architects reported on the items likely to be discussed at the Planning Board meeting September 9, including staging, traffic and parking. Boyd reported a conversation with Milde's Jeff Ward that Bethesda would sacrifice its 6 parking spaces during construction in return for staging next to 41 Washington. Milde will try to accommodate our weekday parking needs at Washington and Federal, the lot they have acquired from Alan Oppenheim.

Lamb Studios examined the stained glass in the church, to support JGWA's condition assessment, and also will give the parish a proposal for the two parish house windows that must be removed and restored. Lamb was the studio that created and installed the existing altar window more than a century ago.

Waite and Brown led a discussion of the risk management issues attendant to our procurement/contracting methodology, i.e. construction management versus general contractor. After a lively question and answer session on this matter, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the vestry that we accept JGWA's recommendation to adopt a two-step process, beginning with a Request for Qualifications, in which the Vestry can evaluate the qualifications of prospective bidders. Then, the parish would send the specifications and a Request for Bids to a short list of qualified companies. Boyd will prepare a resolution for the Vestry meeting September 23. MOTION: Withington. SECOND: Claverie. Unanimously approved.

The committee agreed that a large informational sign, constructed in the side lot, would be a good way to communicate our plans to the wider community.

Boyd reported that the capital campaign survey materials are to be mailed September 28, and that a mailing assembly party will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday September 19 at the parish hall.

Boyd reported that BC records and architect renderings have been posted under a new tab on the parish web site, New Facilities <http://bethesdachurch.org/new-facilities/>.

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