

Building Committee Minutes August 21, 2018, 7:15 p.m.

Attending: Dean Vang, G. Boyd, A. Bullock, F. Horne, D. Miller, J. Piraino. Excused M. Withington. Absent, J. Vander Veer.

The Minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting were accepted for the record.

Church Door

Discussion was held on the repair/restoration of the Washington Street doorway. The survey conducted within the Vestry demonstrated the following priorities, in order: Code compliance, historic values, visibility toward the interior, casket access, and reduction of fortress appearance. Various options and approaches were subjected to discussion and analysis.

Resources in hand total about \$17,000, including proceeds from the annual party at the Golf and Polo Club. Dean Vang will pursue a business donor that has expressed interest. Boyd will invite S. Brown to the next meeting to review the priorities and set a procurement protocol.

Housing Initiative

Boyd reported that the zoning narrative is ready, and has been distributed to the Vestry and Building Committee. He will hand deliver hard copy August 22, provided City Hall offices are open for business after relocating to the Recreation Center due to the recent fire.

Boyd reviewed the Letters of Intent with the five organizations interested in supportive housing space in the New Parish House. Boyd, Miller and Horne reviewed the recent breakfast at the Reading Room, at which presentation of the BEST mission was made. Follow up to potential supporters has proceeded since then.

Mercy House of Saratoga, Inc.

Miller and Boyd reported on the progress setting up Mercy House of Saratoga, Inc., a new 501-c-3 under Bethesda's wing. Mercy House will be the master lessee of the new building, then manage the housing with the partner organizations. Attorney Jim Cox is handling the drafting of the corporate bylaws.

Bethesda's collection of personal items and food for Shelters of Saratoga was delivered by Miller and Vander Veer, with grateful appreciation expressed by SOS. Discussion ensued as to the status of SOS's Code Blue proposal. Bethesda's doors remain open to this opportunity. Dean Vang agreed to consult with the city's clergy and Mayor Kelly on what plans are being made for Code Blue this coming winter.

Contractors

Nominations for the bid list for construction contractors were discussed, both local and regional, now that Bonacio Construction is no longer involved in the project.

Next Meeting: TBA

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