

Building Committee Minutes September 13, 2018, 7:15 p.m.

Attending: Dean Vang, G. Boyd, F. Horne, D. Miller, J. Piraino, M. Withington, J. Vander Veer.
Excused A. Bullock Also attending: Jack Waite and Shannon Brown.

The Minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting were accepted for the record.

Boyd and Miller reported on the filing of the zoning narrative with City of Saratoga Springs. The city has not responded, and no inquiry has yet been made as to their response.

Boyd and Miller reported that the preparation of incorporation papers for Mercy House of Saratoga are nearly complete, and should be ready for Vestry action September 19. Attorney James Cox has prepared the documents and resolutions.

An open ended discussion was held about when and how to make the congregation and the general public aware of the various milestones that are approaching or being accomplished. The group evaluated the efficacy of making public the program plans in the absence (so far) of a major donor commitment, and not having a firm figure for total construction cost. Various prospects for "lead donor" were discussed and evaluated. Boyd mentioned the enthusiastic support voiced by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. Brown said that the program change to multiple small apartments and housing units probably raised the capital cost by a considerable amount.

Miller and Boyd were deployed to meet with Saratoga National Bank to discuss the gross amount of the need, and whether the in-house calculations of income and expense are accurate. It appeared reasonable to aim toward a public announcement to coincide with the incorporation of Mercy House of Saratoga, perhaps near the middle of October.

Church Door plans were revealed by Brown. The wooden doors would be moved street-wards and re-hung to swing outward. Glass doors and transom would be installed interior of the wooden doors, also to swing out. The wooden doors would be opened and secured whenever the building is occupied. All requirements reflect the survey and decisions of the Vestry from its August 2018 meeting. The committee also thought the plans were excellent.

At the committee's direction, Brown will proceed to work with Duncan and Cahill, contractor, to establish an estimate and prepare a procurement directed by the committee. Dean Vang will be deployed to solicit additional funding from one or more local businesses. It is hoped that the project will be complete before Advent.

Next meeting: October 23, 2018