

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - 6/3/2014

Present: Jack, Donna, Gina, Ann, Katrin and Cheryl

Sexton: The big storm windows have been taken down in the Sanctuary and all of the thermostats turned off. Mowing has started and Radek will be hooking up the hose that was at the Parsonage to the Nursery School. Kuba is very excited about his strawberry plant in the new permaculture garden. B&G took a look at it before leaving and all felt it was coming along beautifully.

Jack picked up a can of ship paint to do the inside of the ramp and will ask Radek to do the painting. Gina will get strips for the front stairs of the Sanctuary and a can for the coffee grounds to be put in after church since we have a garden that can use them – or a compost pile.

Pricing: Jack decided to get several prices of issues that need to be dealt with over the next few years or sooner.

- Taking down the pine tree – Chippers – \$2100 – we asked him to get a couple of other quotes since that seemed high.
- Paving driveway and parking lot - 2” base and 1” pavement – extend it another 18” beyond sidewalk - Blacktop – \$30,000 +/- . This brought on much discussion about hard pak vs pavement. Gina will get 3 prices to grade and put a thin coat of hard pak over the whole driveway. We will try to have this done at least every other year so that it doesn’t get as bad as it is now.
- Fence around dumpster – 10’x8’ – cedar – Springfield Fence – \$2500-\$3000
- Insulation in the Sanctuary – Jack spoke with an expert and he said not to put insulation in the walls. We will be installing more in the ceiling of the Sanctuary.
- Rubbish – Cheryl suggested that Able is trying to make inroads on Casella so Gina will be checking for a rubbish quote.
- Green Mountain Plumbing with Ernie Brothers doing the excavating for the sewer line – no quote yet – we gave Jack permission to push on the quote and then ask them to do it at time and materials so that we should have a worst case figure.
- Furnace in Parsonage – Cheryl will call Don Lamoureux to set up a time with Agata to clean the furnace.
- Three issues – replace floor in bathroom of Parsonage, install gutter over ramp, cut down door in janitor’s room – Donna will call Seth and see if he can do it and then turn it over to Jack so that he can show Seth specifically what to do.
- Alice and Howard’s Memorial bench is falling apart. B&G would like to help to replace the bench. Jack will check into the cost of a commercial bench and Donna will talk with Nancy Bebo.

Painters: They are starting on the 5th of June – it will take about 3 weeks – they will first scrape the entire church, then prep the church and then paint. Prior to that they will limb branches off from the pine tree that needs to be taken down. Also there are 12 eyebolts in the columns on the front of the Sanctuary – the painters need to remove them and put some wood putty in the holes prior to painting. Please make sure that no one ever puts holes in the columns again. If you have

to hang a banner from the columns just do it by wrapping the string around the column rather than installing bolts that can let in water/ice and bugs.

As soon as the painting is complete, Donna will install the full flower boxes in front of the Sanctuary. Cheryl will call Matt Seiple to redo the lead maintenance forms for the Nursery School so that we will be all ready when the new year begins in September.

Kitchen Outlets: The electrician came and put in new outlets so there should be no more tripping of breakers with the coffee pots. However, there will be signs installed to tell anyone what to do specifically if a breaker should trip.

We had a lovely dinner provided by the Trustees and then came back together for dessert and to ask questions of other committees. It worked really well and we all had a great time. However, we will wait to hear what the next step will be. The next meeting will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, the 1st of July in the Social Hall.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Brush