

Meeting of the Vestry
The Chapel of the Cross
March 9, 2020 (Emergency Meeting)

Attendance:

Rev. Will Compton, Bob Williams (Sr. Warden), Ralph Stillions (Jr. Warden)
Tommy Roberson, Bill Buhner, Steve Middleton, Brock Haas, Will Morton, Stan Herren, Ellen O'Neal, Sarabeth Clark, Ashley Herden
Amy Barker, Brian Martin (non-Vestry members)
Not in attendance: Rev. Ben Robertson, Rebecca Haas, Reggie Sims

Mtg called to order by Bob

Opened in prayer by Rev. Will Compton

Reflection: none (meeting not on original schedule)

Old Business:

--discussion of rezoning vote before the planning and zoning board; rezoning does not have to go to overlay board first, only after

New Business:

Amy Barker, Brian Martin here to discuss changes to new Chapel building plans/contracts

Amy Barker, Building Committee (these are recommended approvals that have already been vetted by Building Comm [BC] and Finance Comm [FC])

A. Recommended approvals

1. Audiovisual—microphones, speakers, etc
 - Group initially came with estimate of \$66,000
 - Important to have good quality equipment, but extras could be removed to bring down cost
 - Recommendation from BC is \$33,000 after value engineering (room to possibly lower that amount later)
2. Revised lightning protection
 - Lightning rods into the ground, circuit connecting—original plan
 - Revision—4 rods, helps protect building if it shifts, brings price down
3. Chancel screen/hanging light fixtures/design fees
 - Organ design was originally split—organ at front, pipes in back; now all parts will be in choir/organ loft
 - This changes the design of the chancel, which was deemed too modern
 - Also would like to add taller piece behind altar to draw focus, additional lighting in chancel, floodlights may also be added first
 - Architects feel original sanctuary design is better

- Lift will be needed to change bulbs in lighting
- 4. Adding power for organ
 - After moving organ, more power is needed to operate organ in loft
- 5. Lighting for choir loft stairs
 - Originally loft was not going to be completed at this stage and additional lighting wasn't thought to be needed
 - Regular and emergency lights were recommended—number/price may go down
- 6. Brick mortar wash
 - Bricks are as close as we can get in color to already established structures on property
 - Wash will make new building look like the current chapel
- 7. Tree removal and flower guild ramp
- 8. Added contingency
 - Hopefully, this will be the last big push financially, but things come up
- B. Recommended denials:
 1. Acoustical treatment
 - Panels on either side of beams to help with reverberations
 - Michael and organ builder recommended to wait on decision until we are in the space
 2. Electrical grounding for lightning protection
 3. Change in countertops from acrylic to recycled glass

Brian Martin, finance committee

- 3 budget areas: amount paid on credit line this year, amount paid next year, monthly payments
- Line of credit for 2 years—rate of 4.75% for 5 years
- Note is repriced every 5 years
- Line of credit payment for 2020 is down, but up for 2021
- Monthly payment will go from \$9,957 to \$11,069
- Ellen requested to hear pledges read

Note from architects regarding chancel (read by Amy)

- They prefer original design because of “embracing spatial contrast”; second design will serve purposes also but is simpler

Stan moved to accept finance committee report; several seconded, approved unanimously by the vestry's vote

- C. Coronavirus protocol discussion led by Rev. Will Compton
 1. Discontinue cup use at communion or use silver chalice
 2. Discontinue intinction

- Decided to go to silver cup, discontinue intinction; will notify parishioners by email blast as well as announcement in church
Motion made by Tommy, seconded by Will Morton, approved unanimously

- 3. People who have traveled domestically and foreign restricted from attending for 2 wks—discussed, decided against
- Decided that any Eucharistic ministers, if they have been on a plane or cruise, don't serve communion for 2 weeks after being on the plane or cruise
Motion made by Will Morton, seconded by Ellen, approved unanimously

- 4. No handshaking/hugging during the Peace
- Decided that if people don't want to touch others, they won't; no action taken

- 5. Large containers of sanitizer in church, ushers encourage parishioners to put sanitizer on hands
- Decided to put dispenser in narthex on flower stand

Revisiting old business

- Zoning and planning
 - Stan feels we should inform parishioners about our stance regarding the service station rezoning
 - Overlay district is meeting currently
 - Still plan to have members show up at planning and zoning meeting to make our voices heard
 - Ellen wants to make sure language is clear and accurate in our statement; may need to be modified based on decision of overlay board tonight

Motion made to adjourn by Will Morton, seconded by Sarabeth, unanimously approved by vestry's vote

Minutes prepared by Ashley Herden, Clerk

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors
