

Chapel Task Force First Meeting

8/12/21

Present: Paul Nelemans, Sheila Morris, Ann Gjelten, Cap Peterson, Anne Gerber, Jeff Vetsch

Paul shared historical information: An architect (Roger Johnson) in 2008ish suggested we stop water damage by tuckpointing, etc. "Bandaid approach"--sold pews, recarpeted, fixed up the back.

Do we want to have Goodrich construction give us a \$2000 estimate on options for repairing the chapel?

There is some hesitation about paying \$2000 just to get an estimate.

Questions about repair options:

Would Goodrich give us multiple options for repairs or would they just be giving us an estimate on the steel girder option in LSEngineer's report?

Could steel girders be covered with wood?

Would the Chapel be eligible for registering with the National Historic Registry? Is funding available? (only if you write a grant)

What do we want to do with the Chapel Space?

--Gymnasium

--Field trip to Gloria Dei in St. Paul (Ann's church) to see what they did with their gathering space

--Get input from congregation about how they would like to see the space used

Just a reminder that if we repair the Chapel, we will also need to replace the roof (estimate from 2 yrs ago to replace the roof was \$80-100K)

The structural repair has to happen, even if we're going to turn it into some other space.

Discussion about fundraising and wondering what our current membership is.

Anne will submit the funding request for a \$2000 estimate to the Endowment Disbursement team by 8/16/21.

Sheila is willing to call Goodrich Construction after we hear from the endowment disbursement team (which meets 8/17/21). Sheila will then organize a meeting with Goodrich and the Chapel Task Force, ideally on a Wednesday or Thursday evening.

The team doesn't want to get an estimate for demolition at this time.

How should we share Chapel Task Force meetings with the church?

- On the church website.
- Via email or snail mail upon request.

- Printed copies available in the narthex. (Robin already printed 25 copies and will print more as needed.)
- On the FB Members Group (FB Groups allow attachments)
- How to access these could be put in the E-News, worship announcements, and worship bulletin.

Anne will give an update on tonight's meeting in church this Sunday, 8/15/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gerber