

Building Team Meeting December 10, 2013 at the Home of Dan Huisjen

In attendance: Ralph (Convener), Dan and Jackie

Agenda:

1. Polycarbonate is being installed this week by Tony and Tom and volunteers. Check on progress and if any other help/materials are needed.
2. Dan volunteered to work on covering the cold air registers in the floor, and to make a hatchway door from the sanctuary to the cellar so that it COULD be accessible, but closed off to prevent anyone from falling down the opening where there are no stairs! That area could then be used for a much needed closet. This task may be in progress or still on the drawing board.
3. The next major project is to seal the hole in the steeple roof. Dan volunteered to contact the "Steeple People" (not the actual name) and get an cost estimate and time frame. It would then need to be approved by finance but we didn't spend the money they had allocated us for the roofing project over the dining area so money should be available)
4. Once the steeple is repaired then we can go ahead with the ozonator as has been planned. At the last meeting it was suggested that we need to do 3 areas--the basement, dining area and sanctuary. Dick Gregor initiated this possibility and the team would like him to get costs, and guide us in how to proceed.

Meeting began at 5:00 with tea and fresh-from-the-oven popovers.

Agenda Items

1. Polycarbonate looks good and is really expected to help prevent condensation which will slow the deterioration of the wood. It also adds insulation to improve heating situation. Many thanks to Tom and Tony!
2. Dan is aware of the need for a cellar hatchway. He will complete this work when he is able. He has a plan for covering the vents temporarily as needed for the ozonator project, but a permanent solution there will be tied in to the plan for re-finishing the floor.
3. Steeple: Dan has several calls out awaiting responses. He has also made personal contact with someone who has just complete a similar job. It was generally thought that this work needs to wait for warmer weather. Fortunately, we are reminded, fungal growth and hence deterioration slows in the cold.
4. Ozonator: We looked at the Ebay offering forwarded by Dick. Ralph is going to run the numbers and see how that compares to the units available for rent.

New stuff:

Heat Pump: Estimated cost \$3,000.00

The group agrees that the heat pump is crucial to so much other progress in maintaining and utilizing the building. It will reduce heating costs in the winter and increase the comfort in the building during

the summer. The heat pump alone is expected to provide enough heat until the outside temp reaches 20 degrees, then will need to be supplemented by another source.

Ralph reminds us that it will help prevent a recurrence of the mold problem and is really essential before we consider adding any plumbing due to the need for 24 hour heat to keep pipes from freezing. An interesting note: Marlinton's in Blue Hill uses heat pumps.

Wall insulation: clearly needed to cut heating costs.

Carpet, Rug: Acoustics have really suffered without the carpeting. Rugs that can be rolled up and moved have been discussed in the past. Climate control (a benefit of the heat pump!) is needed before rug(s) can be reintroduced.

Lead Paint: the question of lead paint on the floor was brought up by a visitor last weekend. This is a good question that needs an answer. Jackie will purchase a test kit and report back on both the floor and the window frames.

Art Display: Pat Wheeler has been contacted to find out if she will spearhead a group to determine a few permanent solutions for displaying and lighting art in the sanctuary and present them to the Building Team. If Pat is not able, another volunteer will be sought.

We think there are several people who would like to weigh in on this and hopefully some who have skills / experience, and they aren't necessarily on the BT. This is a good opportunity to form a "focus team" to do the research and bring info to the team. Ultimately, the final proposal will be brought to the "Umbrella Team" for approval.

Moulding around the top of the room, as used in museums, was discussed. Track lighting with wide-spectrum L.E.D.s was also brought up. The electrical service at the sanctuary is relatively new and in good condition and should support a basic lighting system.

Next Meeting: TBD