

Vestry Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marquette, Michigan

Jan. 13, 2022

This meeting was held virtually.

Present: Lynn Domina, Jan Edwards, Marna Franson, Kris Mowafy, and Janeen Rastall

Absent: Cathy Cole, Sandra Jones

Guests: Dan Carpenter, Jane Cisluycis, Linc Frazier, Bishop Ray

Repairs to the exterior of the building Cusack's \$700,000 bid - Jan Edwards discussed the bid to tuck point the building and how she obtained the bid. She asked for bids from over two dozen companies in Michigan and Wisconsin. Only Cusack Masonry Restoration responded. No tuck pointing has ever been done to the building. Lack of tuck pointing caused gaps in the stone work which resulted in a leak recently in the sanctuary. There may be another leak in the chapel. Repairs need to be done by a company that is familiar with old sandstone buildings. Cusack did the work on the Custom House in the Lower Harbor.

Jan and Linc described the repair to the crack in the head joint to fix the leak. It was done by a mason that Linc contacted. Some of Cusack's estimate is to repair the sandstone that has come off which at this point is a cosmetic repair. There was a discussion about requesting additional estimates broken down by order of priority in terms of greatest need of repair.

Jan is planning on applying for a grant, Fund for Sacred Places, for maintenance to the stained-glass windows. She could switch the grant request to the repairs to the exterior but it is a matching funds grant. It has a \$250,000 max request. It is a national grant with a great deal of applicants. It has a 3-5-year commitment to meet the matching funds. Marna described some of the criteria for the grant: the history of the building and use by the community.

Jane shared some loan resources through the Episcopal Church but reminded the group that loans would be an encumbrance on the building and need to be approved by the Standing Committee. The only recent major building capital campaigns was quite awhile ago at St. Paul's for the roof and windows.

Marna talked about the current partnering with groups in the area and future plans to expand the community partnerships.

Lynn asked if there are any other major building expenses that may occur in the near future. Dan shared that the furnace was replaced recently and that he saw the major expenses to be the windows and exterior.

There was a discussion about the history of the building. Jane and Rayford discussed the drawbacks of receiving grants based on the history which could limit changes to the building.

Linc suggested paying Cusack for a study of what needs to be done to the exterior. He also said he could talk to the building committee at St. Peter's Cathedral to see who they have used for repairs because their building is made from sandstone also.

Jan will contact Cusack to see if they will prioritize what they will work on and provide estimates on each task. If they won't do that for free, St. Paul's can offer to pay for a detailed estimate.

There was a discussion about the use of the building. Jan shared that the basement area could not be used for children 3 and under according to a person who certifies day care facilities who toured St. Paul's.

It was decided to have Jan request the estimate while the church focuses on creating community partnerships. The diocese at the convention identified building purpose as a focus and will be available as a resource.

Jan asked for help writing the grant. Marna will send Jan and Janeen Kathy's history of St. Paul's. Janeen will work with Jan on the grant.