Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Sept. 16, 2015

Members present:  Deb Bogardus, Toni DiLisio, Howie Vatcher, Dave Gardiner, Dana Anderson, Mary Cassidy

Others:  Gino Cresta

The question of the placement of the firelight was discussed.  How to do what is required by the fire department and retain the historical integrity of the building?  Gino, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and Dana will continue to research possibilities.  Dana suggested that it be bracketed behind the louvers in the tower.  He brought a picture of a suggested fixture.  There is also a possibility that there is an existing conduit in the ground that could support an alarm directly to the fire station.

The committee also agreed that some sort of motion detector to deter vandals should be installed at the rear and, perhaps, front of the building.

The ground at the entranceway has been dug up and pavers will be installed there.

Howie reported that he talked to Ron Trapasso, furniture restorer, about the two remaining pews to be restored. Ron is willing to do this and Gino will deliver the pews to his studio.  There will be a total of 16 pews.

Dave said that he would help to match the existing wood on the ceiling with stain and had gone to a paint store for samples.  Deb said that there was an existing piece on the floor of the Chapel that Dave could use for the match. It was suggested that Ron Trapasso would also be a help as he has experience with many shades of stain and Howie is going to ask him for his opinion. Gino said that he had workers who could stain the wood.  It was suggested that Presto could also be employed for the staining.

Dana suggested finding out what is beneath the tiles at the front entryway.  He will take off a few tiles to find out if there is granite there or not.

Howie brought a sample of the anodized aluminum plates from Crown Trophy.  These will be used to acknowledge the donors of the pews and windows.  Brian Murphy of Crown Trophy will donate the cost of these. Dana asked about the possibility of using brass plates.  Howie will look into the price of brass plates.  A discussion followed regarding the wording on the plates.  Dave asked that we wait.  He would like to research other donor plaques before a decision is made.

A question arose about painting the color of the louvers on the tower the same green that is on the front doors.  This is the original color.  The louvers now are a light gold color.  It was decided that the Historical Commission should decide and Dana will check on this and get back to us.

Deb proposed a fund raising idea. She brought a sample ornament from Hestia Studio and suggested that we have one made of Andrews Chapel.  The Committee agreed that we have the minimum order of 75 ordered.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Cassidy, secretary