

St. Patrick's Building Committee  
Minutes  
May 29, 2007

Present: Aletha Burge, Chair; Steve Taylor; The Rev. Bill Livingston, Canon; David Dry, Jr. Warden, (ex-officio); Linda McCulloch, Sr. Warden (ex-officio); Jaci Mize, Johnny Kersanac; Danny Meadors; Kathy Davis.

1. Aletha Burge welcomed the committee members. The Rev. Bill Livingston opened with prayer.
2. The committee voted to adopt the norms currently used by the vestry for the operation of the Building Committee. These norms are:
  - a. Be respectful of differences of opinion.
  - b. Be decisive – after thorough discernment.
  - c. Be committed –
    - i. On time
    - ii. In attendance
    - iii. Be honest, open
    - iv. Participate fully in discussions
    - v. Speak your heart in here
    - vi. Be accountable
  - d. Open and close with prayer
  - e. Pray for each other
  - f. Use “And ...” instead of “yes, but ...”
  - g. Articulate viewpoint opposite of your own
  - h. Slow conflicted conversation down; use praise
  - i. NEVER personal
  - j. One at a time
  - k. Everyone's attention on the center – no side conversations
  - l. Be of one voice
3. Surveys/Permits: Aletha Burge reported that Burce Davis is working on getting the wetlands survey done and he will be reporting back. He is in communication with David Dry who has offered his assistance. Other surveys? David Dry will check with the city to see if they have a packet of information regarding what we need to do to get the proper permits. The state may require an environmental audit.
4. Discussion of Architects' proposal for Master Plan: Concerns were expressed during the congregational meeting about the close proximity of a water feature to the courtyard, church, and children's playground – concern for the safety of children. Concern about the maintenance required for a detention pond – what do they look like in 3 – 5 years, what are the maintenance costs, who has one that they are happy with. Liked the covered drop-off area in front of the church. Concern for ease of access for handicapped/wheelchair folks - desire to touch base with handicapped members of the congregation to make sure their concerns/needs are addressed. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting with a formal response to the report to be developed.

5. Discussion/Focus groups: Focus groups will be held in June to focus on special areas of the multipurpose building. These meetings will be announced and open to the entire congregation. At least one building committee members will attend and facilitate each of these meetings. Focus groups were selected as follows:
  - a. Worship – Danny (facilitator), David Knight, Lynne Hough
  - b. Christian Ed – Kathy Davis (facilitator)
  - c. Grounds – David Dry (facilitator)
  - d. Kitchen – Johnny Kersanac (facilitator)
  - e. Outreach – Aletha Burge (facilitator)
  - f. Nursery – Jaci Mize (facilitator)
  - g. Music – David Dry (facilitator)
  - h. Tech support/issues – sound, computer, etc. – ?
  - i. Administration – Kathy Davis
6. Contractor issue: Aletha Burge reported that the architects have recommended two ways to go on hiring a contractor – to bid or to negotiate with one firm. The architects lean towards negotiating with one firm as a way to save time and money.
7. Building Committee communication: Jaci Mize recommended trying a password protected wiki electronic web bulletin board as a way to communicate and gain feedback from the congregation on building decisions/issues. David Dry recommended adding a Web page to our Web site similar to what First Baptist Church in Long Beach has. Their site includes a page for Building Updates including minutes from the Building Committee. Kathy Davis agreed to serve as recorder for the Building Committee.
8. Meeting schedule: The next meeting was set for Monday, June 04, 2007, at 6:00pm at Coast Episcopal School if available.
9. Aletha Burge closed with prayer.

Submitted by:  
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