

Report of the Building Committee to Session – January 19, 2010

The Committee has swung into full action this month, as the bidding process is underway on the renovation project. Request for bids have been sent to six regional bidders, each of whom has significant local experience in church projects. A pre-bid conference was held in the church on January 12, with Fred Kuntz leading the discussion. Carl Rush, Chris Motley, David Stumbaugh, Gary Waitschies, Andrea Parker, Dan Curry, and Dick Szymanski attended for the Building Committee. The bids are due at Kuntz's office at 2:00 p.m. on January 27. He will create a spread sheet with the array of bids, and the Building Committee will meet in the church at 6:30 p.m. that evening to do an initial review.

After the bids are reviewed, the Building Committee will begin to review the development of a financing plan tied to the bid that appears most likely to be accepted. The Committee has asked several members of the congregation to work with the Chair on reviewing the financial implications of the project, including some scenarios of possible future conditions and needs. Those scenarios will be prepared for presentation to the Session and congregation for their consideration, accompanied by a recommendation from the Building Committee.

If the Session and congregation approve a financing plan and vote to move ahead with the project, the next step will involve working with the Presbytery and Burke & Herbert Bank to acquire financing. We have about \$1.1 million on hand today, but will need a construction loan and mortgage to cover the remaining needs. The bids on the project are good for 90 days, so we will only have until about April 27 to get the necessary approvals that would allow us to enter a contract with the successful bidder.

As the work of the Building Committee amplifies in 2010, we recommend that the Session re-affirm the membership of the committee for the coming year. Active members in the past year have included Dan Curry, Pat Futato, Walt Hollis, Chris Moehlenkamp, Chris Motley, Andrea Parker, Greg Scott, Bill Smiley, Dave Stumbaugh, Dick Szymanski, Steve Trickey, Wade Taylor, Gary Waitschies, and Walt Williams. They have not been individually polled as to their desire to continue, but all make good contributions. The committee could use some additional members, and we are particularly short on the inclusion of the women of the congregation. We request that the Session include any other nominations as offered, and re-affirm the committee's membership for 2010.

Neil Sampson, Chair