

VISION 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING  
Sunday, August 18, 2019

The Vision 2020 Committee met on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at 11:10 upon completion of the morning worship service.

Those present were Herb Gordon, John Hamilton, Janet Martin, Doug Mitchell, Chris Pascuzzi, Bill Warden, Chi-yi Chen Wolbrink, and George Wong.

Also in attendance were Rev. David Rollins and Rev. Emma Oullette.

Absent were Sperry Davis and Clif Furedy,

Agenda items were addressed and discussed as follows:

**Pledge Card.** Chris provided a draft of her foundational idea for the pledge card and discussed color, size, orientation, etc. Various committee members provided input/recommendations for the continued development. Janet and Chris will begin work on the smooth/final draft.

**Pew Restoration.** Weathersby Restoration noted that 64 of our pews require restoration, which includes cleaning and repair but not re-staining. A written estimate will be delivered this week at a “per pew” cost. It was noted that this may be an expensive estimate based on verbal estimates, which did not include the cost of reupholstering. The recommendation from Weathersby was to conduct the restoration on site/in the building rather than having them taken out. Herb noted that the general contractor he is in discussion with (E.T. Gresham) has a subcontractor in NC who does refurbishment/reupholstering and he will ask them to provide an estimate. It was noted that new upholstery material should be used that provides better protection from stains and spills and that will be more protective.

**Carpet color.** It was noted that the carpet color needs to be decided so to be able to determine the pew cushion color. It was noted that lighter colors in carpet and pew coverings gives the appearance of a brighter and larger sanctuary.

**Contractor / Architect.** Herb is pending follow-on discussions with E.T. Gresham and should have numbers/proposal at the next meeting.

**Organ.** The proposal provided by Whitesel was available for everyone to review and support discussion of options. It was agreed that a digital-only organ (option 1) was not what we were looking for and that either option 2 or 3 were appropriate. Pledged funds combined with the existing organ replacement fund total over \$130,000 so option 2 is essentially funded. The expanded option 3 would require \$35,000 of fund raising. Although Whitesel provided a breakdown of differences between options 2 and 3, their technical description did not provide the clarity for the committee to accurately understand the differences between the options. While the group was “solid” on their support for option 2, it was not clear what option 3 was going to include or how it might affect the appearance of the front of the sanctuary. Whitesel needs to give us a

better “picture” of what option 3 will provide. It was noted that we should have a discussion with Mary Phelps regarding the pipe organ installation.

George noted that since the committee was formed at the direction of the Session back in June, that we have met 8 times. Session members and others have shown some curiosity as to what the committee is doing. Session needs to be briefed soon.

Next meeting is Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

With no further business the meeting was closed with prayer at 11:50

Minutes recorded by Doug Mitchell