

## First Congregational UCC

### Building and Grounds

Jan. 5, 2023, 11 AM Zoom

**Present: Barb and John Bottger, Byron Aldrich, Pastor Enno, Ranna LeVoir, Jeff Kern, Gwen Mattice, Bruce Tyler**

**Add to the Agenda:** Snowblower for parts, Spring Clean Up Day,

1. John reported our prioritization findings to board and they agreed that we should write a bid proposal for an architect and bring it to the board. **Jeff, John and Byron will write an initial bid and share it with the committee.** Timeline for this subcommittee is to submit a bid proposal to the board at their February meeting. Discussion:
  1. The proposal will include the historical significance of the building and seeking guidance from the architect on how to move forward with larger projects.
  2. The projects will take into consideration how the building will be used in the future.
  3. How much specificity do we want to have when the architect hands us their report? Suggestions with a range of costs?
  4. The report that Jeff wrote after an architect walked through the building approximately 5 years ago will guide their work.
  5. Who we hire will depend on what we want to accomplish because they will have different skill sets.
  6. There could be rebates available through the state for anything we do to improve the energy efficiency of the building.
  7. What is our average monthly energy cost? Around \$500-600 a month. How does this cost rank for buildings of this size and usage?
  8. We should also consider our carbon footprint. How about switching out the oil boiler to solar electricity? The oil boiler is the back up for the dual fuel system.
  9. The federal Infrastructure Bill has money for churches to improve the building.
  
2. **Snowblower for parts:** Jeff fixes snowblowers and can use the snowblower for parts. Gwen will let Justin know that we are going to keep the old snowblower. The small snowblower will be put out front for free.
  
3. **Advent Tree: Jeff will take down the trees**
  
4. **Spring Clean Up Day: Saturday, May 20 is the date**

**5. John will write the report for the annual meeting.**

**6. John will do a walk through of the parsonage in the next few months.**

**7. Correction to December minutes:** "Perhaps someone who has relationships with the lender who loaned the church money for the roof could approach a banker there and suggest that they make a donation to our capital projects campaign. I suggested the amount could be equal to a couple of months of the current payments as a starting point. I recall that amount would be about \$1,600.

**8. Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023, 11:00 am**