

First Congregational UCC

Building and Grounds

May 4, 2023, 11 AM Zoom

Present: Barb Bottger, John Bottger, Jeff Kern, Ranna LeVoir, Pastor Enno, Bruce Tyler, Byron Aldrich, Steve Aldrich

Missing: Gwen Mattice

Roof Damage at 402 1st Ave West (Parsonage):

- We spoke to the insurance agent.
- By unanimous consent, **Barb will be the point person to talk with the adjuster and will consult with Jeff.**
- We've determined that a tarp is not necessary at this point.

Landscaping:

- Action approval requested by the Rooted and Rising Climate Crew:
 1. Place the planters in a diamond shape in the triangle, bordered by the sidewalk and the parking lot
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 - The crew is working with the Community Garden Project through the Extension Office.
 - They will use the water from the church.
 2. Plant 5-6 nanny berry shrubs on 2nd St. side, from the sidewalk into the grotto to the east corner of the building
 3. Plant 2 red maples - one in the middle of the planters, a second near the playground area.
 4. Reseed an 8x8 section of ground on the south side of the building with a turf suggested by Extension Office. This will be a demonstration plot.
- The committee approves the action of this crew with our feedback; namely, limit the number of shrubs, the planters are not attractive (Jeff!) and there were many hoses offered.

Architectural Proposal:

- We've received one proposal from ATSR who have visited the church.
 - Pros:
 1. The initial cost of \$6,000 is reasonable.
 2. ATSR will act as the general contractor.
 3. We will have a master plan for the growth of this church.
 - Cons/Questions:
 1. Are transportation costs included or extra?
 2. What does the 7% cover?
 3. How often would the general contractor be on sight?
 4. Does the contract expire on a particular date?
 5. Will the contract have an exit clause?
- **Action: John will contact ATSR with questions plus to request a sample contract before we go to the board for approval. John will call on a few of their references.**

Spring Day Clean Up:

- **Jeff and Ranna will make a doable list from all the proposed projects.**
- We will put that list in the Mail Chimp, make announcement in church to pique interest.
- Date remains Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Steve Aldrich volunteers to do window washing.

Miscellaneous:

- We will order LED dimmable bulbs.
- **Jeff and Gwen are working on this.**

Day Care:

- Not a priority to clean out the space before this fall.

Janitors:

- We have no janitors for the month of June.
- Mary June will be doing it on her own from then on until school starts.
- Suggestion that a sign up be created for church goers to help out in June.

This long meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.