

Chapel Committee Meeting, September 2012

The Chapel committee met at Super Subs and Salads on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00 pm. Main topics of discussion included roofing and windows.

Ron Hengeveld had loaned us shingle samples of the highest quality. He recommended an asphalt shingle that has the look of weathered wood. He and Steve Prins both used them on their own houses, so if you would like to know how they look you might drive by.

The shingles will cost \$1250 more than the amount allotted by the city. We have ample funds to cover the cost. During Summer Fest, a woman from Ayshire stopped by and told me she has four rolls of left-over roofing paper she would like to donate.

Brad Meendering volunteered to check with Critter Gitter and Ron Hengefeld to see if we can get those projects done this fall.

We decided to also pursue window repair and installation. We will go with Northwest Glass from Spencer for a glass pattern that comes close to the original. Ron Hengefeld recommends that all sills be replaced and gave an estimated cost of \$100 each or \$800. The cost of glass and installation will be a bit over \$1700. Many windows will be some sash repair as well, but we don't yet have estimates for that.

With the information we have on hand our assumption is the windows will average a minimum of \$375 each and may be closer to \$400. We will look into finding eight donors who will be willing to donate \$375 to \$400 for window repair. If we don't raise enough funds to cover the whole cost of windows, we have enough in our treasury to take care of the rest. Since the cost of all windows will not be the same, names of donors will be on a plaque as well as in a notebook, rather than on individual windows. Several members thought of contacts.

Our thoughts are to start with the end windows, as they will get all new frosted glass. We hope to have those three done this fall—and speculated about the possibility of some good working days this winter—in which case we may be able to do more.

Roger Bojens had sent us an early picture of the Chapel It was not white—appeared to be gray or perhaps the original color of the stucco—with white trim around the windows. It seemed to be the consensus of the group that we should try to replicate the original appearance. The picture shows that current steps are not original. The original steps extended into the portico—and cannot be replicated because they extended out too far to allow cars go through. However, we thought since the steps are not original, we may want to improve the looks of the chapel and invest in better steps that would be more attractive and easier to climb.

We discussed ceiling repair and paint, and all agreed the ceiling needs to be professionally restored, and will ask questions about who we might hire to do the job.

We decided not to meet in November or December as we have as much in place that can be done before spring.

Our next meeting will be at the Drive In on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 PM. We will decide at that time when our next meeting will be.