

Building and Grounds Report – February 2024 Business Meeting

The Sanctuary Project has reached a financial milestone, and time has come to begin the purchase and installation of our new sound system. The finance committee has approved, with the recommendation of the Building and Grounds committee, the purchase and installation of a system designed by Acoustical Audio Design and former Bose engineer John Rodgers for the purchase price of \$299,400.00. (Equipment & Install price only).

A computerized model of the sanctuary was completed and analyzed to provide information for a system that will encompass the needs of the pulpit, choir, praise band, churchestra, and external events, such as concerts, weddings, funerals, graduations, etc.

Some additional damage has been discovered around the Creation Window and above the left side screen. This is old damage that was not initially identified when the Sanctuary Project was begun, but repair work will be included in this project.

The Sanctuary Project fund will pay (as a separate line item) for two lifts to be used for the installation. This item was broken out separately from the sound system, as the window repair crew(s) will also use one of the lifts for the repair and painting of water damage around the windows.

Two lifts will be utilized: a large spider lift and a smaller one. It was determined that the second smaller lift would be better utilized for the balcony and windows than the large one and would be more cost effective to have a smaller one than keep the large lift engaged for an extended time. Lift rental cost: \$16,069.50

The installation will be in phases as the equipment comes in. Not all equipment will arrive at the same time. Some new electrical wiring will be required for the system and will be completed before the new installations begin. The sound company will require payment as the equipment arrives, so payments will be staggered. Full payment will be required at installation completion.

Sanctuary Sound System and Window(s) Repair Schedule

For obvious reasons, unforeseen circumstances may impact our plan, but this is the planned schedule starting in July. July was chosen because it will least impact planned activities in the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 7

Volunteer members (and others) will work to remove designated pews.

Removing these pews ourselves will save us approximately \$1800.00. These will be stored temporarily in the sanctuary lobby for most of July. During that period, most, if not all the lobby will be considered a construction zone, and therefore Entrances A and B will be restricted mainly to construction personnel. Entrance C will be the substitute main entrance into the building during July for which most church activities A & B normally would be used. Entrance D will also be available during the weekdays.

Monday, July 8 thru Friday, July 12

Our sanctuary will be closed for window and wall repairs.

Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14

Sanctuary closed. Worship service will take place in the Grandview Room.

Monday, July 15 thru Friday, July 26

Sanctuary will be closed for sound system install. The big brown box at the top of the sanctuary will disappear!

Saturday, July 27

Worship rehearsal with new system.

Sunday, July 28

Sanctuary closed. Reinstall any pews that can be replaced at that time.

Monday, July 29 thru Friday, August 2

Additional window and wall repairs

Saturday, August 3

Worship Rehearsal with new system (contingent on whether needed or not)

Volunteer members replace pews and clean entire sanctuary.

Sunday, August 4

Return to sanctuary for worship with newly installed sound system.

The refurbishment and cleaning of the baptistry complex will also take place, but as of this writing, a definitive timeline has not been established for that part of the project.

Final estimated bill –

Sound System and Installation	299,400.00
2 Lifts	16,069.50
Wall Repairs and paint around stained glass window (right side)	4,250.00
Wall repairs and paint around stained glass window (left side)	?
Baptistry Complex	4,750.00
	324,469.50

At the conclusion of the new sound system installation, we will have completed approximately 1/2 of The Sanctuary Project.

Going forward, the Building and Grounds Committee are committed for finishing the work of the Sanctuary project. However, it was determined that as we move forward, the additional work that was falling under the umbrella of The Sanctuary Project, would be “pay as we go”. In other words, we will not undertake any more of those identified projects until we have raised the needed funds to pay for those. Those remaining projects are:

- 1) Additional Security systems for the church,
- 2) Refurbishment of the Grandview Room (the rug)

At the last business meeting, it was announced that Building and Grounds had contacted a Landscape Designer to study and develop a 3-year plan to rejuvenate the landscape around the church. The extreme cold of our previous winter had such harsh conditions that many of our plants and shrubs did not survive or were badly damaged.

Shawna Wagner, a landscape designer for Frank Otter Nursery was hired to develop the plan. Shawna has developed a 3-year plan to replace/add to our campus landscape. Each phase was developed to beautify and enhance different sections of the campus at no more than \$5,000 per phase.

Our initial phase will be to rebuild and enhance the landscape around the main entrance of the building. A great amount of dead or damaged landscape at the mail entrance and courtyard were removed last fall. Much still needs to be done in that respect.

Our plan for this 1st phase is to have a good portion of the main entrance redone by Good Friday and Easter, to give the entrance a fresh, inviting look of renewal and rebirth for all attending Holy Week.

Submitted by

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