

2009 Planning Committee Report

In July the Elders asked the Planning Committee to work with Carlin Construction to determine a cost for the sanctuary phase of the building. Our original plan that was submitted to the town of North Stonington was to build the sanctuary phase second. The original sanctuary phase also included nursery, toddlers, and preschool rooms along with small restrooms.

In August we signed a \$27,500 contract with Carlin Construction to create the required drawing and structural plans to build the structure and calculate a guaranteed price.

During September and October Carlin Construction and Dave Atkinson, our architect, worked with the Planning Committee to modify the plans in a way that would make the sanctuary phase feasible as a stand alone building. This included enlarging and moving the restrooms, adding a small narthex and moving the audio/visual room to the sanctuary phase. The final plans have a sanctuary with a smaller stage than originally planned, room for two hundred and twenty chairs and a balcony area that has room for twenty chairs on either side of the audio/visual room. The nursery, toddler, and preschool rooms were scaled back marginally to allow for larger restrooms.

In November we submitted the revision of phases to the Planning and Zoning Committee of North Stonington at a public hearing. The committee accepted our proposal and gave jurisdiction of the project to the Senior Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer. This allowed us to work with one individual to get approvals rather than at public meetings. Ed Wenke was also hired to update the site plan showing what development would be included in the sanctuary phase. The cost of this drawing would be about \$2,000.

By December the plans were completed and Carlin Construction sent the project out to bid. The Planning Committee met with anyone that wanted to review the plans during second and third hour on Sundays. This provided much needed input to the process.

The total accrual to the church building project this year was \$87,995.89. The building project grace giving was \$56,232 and the James Chappell Memorial Fund contributions were \$16,645.

Interest on the certificates of deposit and stock dividends for the year accumulated to \$15,118.89.

If you have a comment or concern about the new building, please talk to an Elder or a Planning Committee member to have it addressed. The Planning Committee members are Mark Austin, Larry Chappell, Skip Johnson, Andrew Krajec, Steve Masalin, Web Scott, and Larry Williamson.

Respectfully submitted by the Planning Committee