

Building Report for February 2009

I am very happy with the accomplishments of this past year on our building and hope that you are also. The bricks on the rear of the Church were removed and about half cleaned for reuse on the new side-entrance. We got the foundation poured, securing the two back corners of the Church granite-slab foundation, without incident. The water pipe and electrical wire from the well were rerouted for the future layout and we got the cement floor poured. The exterior shell is built and it is weather-tight. All of the windows are installed including the rebuilt Church Sanctuary window that was removed for the new egress door. I had originally thought that the windows would not get installed this year. The new side-entrance has both freshly painted doors installed. We recently received the cemetery facing door and the double doors for the downstairs. These will also need to be painted and then installed. When we were attaching the addition to the Parish House, it was discovered that we had some additional repair work to do. The main sill (6x6 or three 2x6) timbers along at least part of the front is rotten and will need to be replaced next summer.

We built a temporary wall where the bricks previously were and have insulated it for the winter. We built the walls (some temporary) around the handicap ramp, between the Parish House and the addition and the new stairs leading to the Sunday school rooms in the basement, and these have also been insulated. I had hoped that we could have additional insulation added to the Church ceiling, thus saving us money this winter, but before we can do that, we need to install any wiring for the fire alarm system, wiring for new exit and emergency lights and the sprinkler system piping. To that end, I have purchased the Fire Alarm Control Panel, some components and wire, so that we can figure out what is needed and get started. I have also purchased the orange PVC pipe, fittings and sprinkler heads, which will be needed for the Church Sanctuary and on the first floor of the addition, so that we can install that also.

We currently have the 2x4 studs needed to frame up the main-floor interior walls and also the strapping boards for the ceiling. We will be working on that shortly. I also used some of the current funds to replace most of the door locks with locks having ADA Handicap-accessible handles, since we need them eventually and many were pitted and in poor working order. We still don't have the handicap-accessible bathrooms that we need so badly, but we will shortly build the walls and start to install the drainage piping that will be needed for the new toilets and lavatories. The funds from the craft sale (\$2502.37) are set aside and will be used specifically for the bathroom fixtures, pipe and fittings needed. We will continue to work on the remaining portions of the addition as we have the time, manpower and money (and it is just a little bit warmer).

The labor paid for was that paid to Schaedler for the concrete foundation and floor, the Huston Brothers contract for the actual building construction and Seguin Builders to complete the sheet metal roof installation, when the weather proved to be uncooperative with our weekend efforts. Through the year, up until December 31, 2008, I have spent a total of \$93,819.53 on materials used for this project, the foundation labor, the building framing contract and the other materials on-hand previously noted. A copy of the Church checkbook transactions is attached. The soil test and permits were additional expense.

On behalf of the Building Committee, which includes: Louise Anderson, Melanie Page, Lee Jordan, Tony Wight, Pastor Jim Lufkin, and previously Harold Allen, I wish to thank everyone who has donated money, worked on the brick cleaning, dug the foundation, built concrete block walls, extended the chimney, installed metal roofing, door and window painting, wall framing, window installation, installed insulation, helped in any and many ways, and prayed for this project. We still have much work to do, but if the progress this past year is any indicator, we will complete the remaining portion of the project in rather short order. I will be posting notice and calling individuals for some work sessions for this project shortly and hope that many, both men and women will be able to continue helping. Thanks for everything.

Norris Dwyer, Chairman of the Building Committee