

St. Timothy's Chapel
Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
November, 2016

The Chapel Committee met on September 10, 2016 at the manse. Present were Art Neill, Art Keeler, Ray Tribelhorn, John Fitzpatrick, Diana Neely, Ed Leipheimer, Zane Murfitt, R D Corette and Ron Hanson. Lunch was served and a blessing for the meal and an opening prayer was offered. Following are the major agenda items

Manse Flower Beds – An upper and lower flower beds, along with a watering system, were redone at the Manse. Rev. Boulton Commented: “They instantly gave the Parish House a less deserted, and a more lived-in look even with no car(s) in the driveway. Together with the front deck the Manse has become an even more welcoming host site for Chapel events”.

Chapel Parking Sign – A new sign at the junction of the new and old road to Southern Cross was installed. The posts are similar, but on a smaller scale, than the posts for the sign at the highway.

Columbarium –The selected color for the niche faces is Mahogany. The capstone will be polished black granite. Eickhof's contract price Quote is \$18,410 for 42 niches (installed). We have promised donations of \$30,000 to cover the cost and have received slightly more than half of that. Two thirds of the \$18,410 has been paid to Eickhof's so final drawings can be prepared and stone cutting can be started. It takes up to 20 weeks for stone cutting can be completed. We are responsible for all site preparation work (ground leveling, concrete pad and columbarium foundation and rocking the back and sides of the columbarium. The rock will be the same as the rock used on the chapel. Plantings and a possible extension of the sprinkler system are planned. Two benches will be purchased locally.

Worship Attendance and Offerings – Attendance for 2016 was 442 and averaged 34 per worship service. Offerings totaled \$4,444 and averaged \$342 per worship service. This compares to the last 3 year average of 417 worshipers and \$5,467. Keep in mind that we had 13 worship services in 2016 and only 12 in the previous years.

Weddings – We hosted 7 weddings this summer. This was down from 15 weddings last year. At \$350 per wedding this is a \$2,800 reduction in income.

Advertising – Posters, Printed Business Cards and Weddings -

Committee members shared concerns over both the attendance numbers and the drop in the number of weddings. We will be working with our consultant to come up with a marketing plan and an advertising program to see if we can turn things around on attendance and the number of weddings. Rev. Boulton said “The St. Timothy’s business cards were a big hit this summer”. His recommendation is to make the cards more generic. This will permit a larger font size and the pastor, as well as committee members can all use the same card.

Ad-Hoc Group to Study Reuse of the Superintendents House – There is an Ad Hoc group that is undertaking a study of possible reuse(s) of the Superintendents House. No date has been set for the completion of their work.

2017 Summer Pastors – There will be 3 pastors next summer. Contracts for all three have been signed.

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2017 at 1st Presbyterian Church in Anaconda

Ron Hanson

Moderator

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