

Charge to the First Impression Committee

Whereas the condition of the parking lot doors continues to deteriorate~while being for all practical purposes our primary entrance~we need to take significant actions in a reasonable timeframe. Therefore, keeping in mind security, aesthetics, accessibility, and our status on the Historic Registry, the Vestry hereby charges the First Impression Committee to take the following actions:

1. Reassess the awning/overhang with a fresh perspective. Taking into account the valley created by the current awning being higher than the flat roof, and the need to provide shelter in inclement weather. This will require professional consultation, and should result in at least 3 bids if possible.
2. Solicit at least three bids to replace the doors themselves (along with the transom and door frame), keeping the following concerns in mind:
 - A. Aesthetics and the requirements imposed by National Historic Registry status.
 - B. Security, in that someone in the hallway should be able to see who is ringing the bell before opening the door. Safety, in that people need to be able to exit quickly in an emergency.
 - C. Accessibility, in that the doors must be easy enough to operate for parishioners and visitors with wheelchairs and walkers. In addition, the entryway must be large enough for voting machines etc. to enter and exit.
3. Consider the overall look of this entire portion of the building, including (but not limited to) the T1-11 siding along “Ron’s Office” and the siding all around the second storey, again soliciting three bids if possible.

The timeline of this project will be “as long as it takes to do it right.” However, with winter quickly approaching, and the speed at which the doors are becoming inoperable, all due haste is requested in moving these projects along. The Vestry fully expects this committee to seek outside professional guidance of the overall scope of the project, looks forward to receiving updates when possible, and will give due weight to the recommendations of this committee.

The nine First Impression Committee members are as follows:

Andrew Bolden

Bonnie Burns

David Coltrin (Vestry)

Susan Merrill (away until Oct.)

Bob Schroeder (Treasurer)

Jon Silvis (Jr. Warden & Vestry)

Wendy Silvis (tentative)

Etta Trimpi

Margy Vogt (Archivist & Vestry)

First meeting to be held after the 10am service on September 10, where a chair will be elected.