

Sanctuary Air Conditioning Proposals

Information for the Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022

Please note: the Motion itself is at the end of this document

Background

Randy Hamme and Mike Ryder, as representatives of the Property Board, have been working with 4 different contractors since August in order to obtain quotes for Sanctuary A/C system replacement. The A/C operated for most of the summer on two units, because the other two units failed. One unit was functional by the end of summer.

The contractors involved are:

Handyside - \$52,889*

SOC Energy - \$47,125

Gochnauer – no quote

Daflure – no quote

**Mike was advised by Handyside that they would need to increase the price of this quote given in August if they were selected as prices have increased.*

All contractors visited to review the worksite, take pictures, ask questions, etc. While Handyside and Standard Oil completed their quotes in a timely manner, Gochnauer and Daflure did not, and Mike spent the past two months trying to secure a quote from them to no avail. Although we let the contractors determine the system that they felt most appropriate, and we discussed several alternate ideas, the two quotes we received were for a direct replacement of the system (4 units), using the existing supply and return duct system. The benefit of this method is that we should not have a need for any additional openings from the roof into the space above the sanctuary, nor should we have any additional openings from that space into the sanctuary itself.

Randy and Mike were happy with both quotes in terms of the bill of material quoted, but the SOC energy quote was significantly lower in price, and they quoted units with a higher SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating). This difference in ratings should mean a real-world savings of about 7% in operating costs for the units quoted by SOC.

THEREFORE: The property board proposes that we award the air conditioning contract to Standard Oil Company of Harrisburg (SOC Energy), at the price of \$47, 125. The quote includes removal of the current system, installation of 4 new 14 SEER Condensing Units (outdoor units), installation of 4 new air handling units (indoor units), 2 new thermostats, and all required duct transitions, piping, wiring, labor, etc.

50% of the cost will be due then at contract signature, at which time, units and material will be ordered. The suggested timing of installation would be April 2022.

The installation would likely take the better part of a week. We can review our schedule with the contractor to ensure we do not have any work to be completed during the week of Easter.

We have \$35,000+ in Goudy Fund (Fund 3). It would be a good idea to send out a communication to the congregation with information about the need and a possible appeal to help cover all costs and potentially replenish the Goudy fund. Two options were discussed at the Council – replace all four units this year, or spread out the project over several years and replace only two units this year. (One unit is currently functioning.)

Motion to propose two options to the congregation:

A) accept the bid from SOC for the **four units** with funds coming from Memorials and supplemented with donations;

B) accept a bid from SOC for the supply and installation of **two units** in 2022 and defer the other two units to 2023.

The council voted on the options and the majority voted for option B to recommend to the congregation, given the financial position of the congregation. Mike Ryder then spoke to SOC and the cost for only two units is exactly half the cost of all four - \$23,562.50. The congregation will be asked to discuss the two options and vote on their preference.