

**MINUTES
of a Special Meeting
of the Building Committee
and the Parish Council**

April 14, 2005

At 7:00 p.m. on the evening of April 14, 2005 a special meeting was called by **Jeff Witt** of the Building Committee and the Parish Council in order to decide which recommendations to accept from a Value Engineering Study done to try and reduce the costs of construction of Phase I of the new church.

The following were in attendance: Alan Christy, Al Joenson, Jeff Witt, Sue Belcher, Randy Dalhoff, Bob Hauser, Chuck Gilarski, Bud Montang, Ed Fawkes, Bill Haas, Jim Hogan and Jim Westphal.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Jeff Fenimore and Chad West, representing the architectural firm. There were several questions from the group concerning the winning contractor Russell Construction. Jeff pointed out that Russell will only be doing about 20% of the work, the rest being done by sub-contractors. He said Russell had a good reputation and was doing much research into material costs in order to save as much money as possible on this project, which Jeff labeled as a difficult remodel.

Jeff used the PowerPoint presentation to illustrate some of the recommended 27 changes to the original specifications. The major changes were:

- The use of straight suction diffusers in lieu of elliptical ones, a savings of \$13,000.00.
- The deletion of all landscaping, a savings of \$25, 556.00. *Jeff pointed out that although we could do this as a Church project we could have some difficult dealings with the City of Ames ordinances on landscaping.*
- Revise the interior trim to a simpler version, a savings of \$57, 936.00.
- Change the roofing from PVC to an Ecostar material resembling slate, a savings of \$41,585.00.
- Eliminate acoustical panels on the East wall of the Social Hall, a savings of \$16, 730.00. *This can be accomplished at a later date.*
- Change the exterior of the building from Renaissance Stone to brick, a savings of \$58, 107.00.

There were several other minor changes. (*See handout*).

Of interest was the one item the group decided to keep, the more expensive lamp posts in the parking area as these would feature crossbars to which banners could be attached for various celebrations throughout the year.

After savings of approximately \$244, 300.00, the final construction figure is now approximately \$2, 921, 897.00. The group accepted the recommendations and authorized beginning construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Westphal
Parish Council Recording Secretary.