

## **ST. JOHN THE DIVINE -CHAPEL RESTORATION 2017**

This project has been created due to the enormous need for meeting spaces that are accessible for those with disabilities. Specific consideration has been given to the space being used for worship services throughout the week .When not used for services, it can also be utilized for meetings and other events which respect the sacred aspect of the space.

Committee members are: Tony and Gillian Barlow, Rhoda Brodie-Smith, Patrick Sibley and Michael Zenger.

### **REMOVAL OF THE PEWS**

The intention is to remove all the pews and sell them if at all possible. As they are short, there may be interest in purchasing them through Used Victoria or some alternative venue.

#### **The Pew Dedications**

Removal of the pew dedication brasses and putting them in a wall mounted memorial is recommended.

### **THE FLOORS**

At this time it is prudent to have the existing floor remain with some patching as may be required. In the long term, replacement of the flooring could be considered as part of the overall planning for changes to the building and the floor could be made to match throughout.

### **THE WALLS**

The existing wall colour is not only dated but creates a heavy atmosphere. A lighter colour would lift the existing heaviness and help accentuate the windows in the space. A colour matching the pillars in the nave (Priory White) is recommended.

### **FURNISHINGS - See drawings**

The Committee has been to several churches within the Victoria area and reviewed various options on line from different church furniture manufacturers.

The discernment around the chairs which are chosen also considered that the same chairs could be used should the proposed work in the nave proceed.

#### **The Chairs - see sample**

After reviewing and doing research on various chairs we recommend the Uniflex Chair. It is currently in St. Georges Anglican Church here in Victoria and St. Andrews Anglican Church in Sydney. It is comfortable, stands up to wear, and comes with many options including a bench style for families, with or without arms and book storage racks. Some variations are stackable but for the chapel this does not seem necessary. We recommend the some with arms, a 22 inch seat, a book rack mounted on the back a blue / green colour for the fabric and light oak wood finish for chapel chair. Small hassocks could be purchased for those who wish kneelers while praying. Other options can be considered for the nave when the time is appropriate.

#### **Cane Storage**

Two stands at the front for storage or placement of canes when people are taking communion is recommended.

**Tables - see drawings**

Two small tables will be provided for either side at the back of the church for placement of books and leaflets.

These would be designed to clip together to allow for various uses as a centrally located table .

**CHAPEL DOORS - see drawings**

The chapel doors are very awkward and ungainly looking. Replacement with wood frame doors with glass inserts giving a sense of connection and openness between the chapel and the nave would greatly enhance the space. An etching of the Diocesan Dragonfly Logo could give a sense of our wider connection with the church.

**FINANCES**

**Option 1:**

Remove pews,	
Patch floor,	
Paint all walls,	
Install twenty four chairs,	
Install cane holders,	
Provide two tables.	
Replace entrance doors	\$21,000.00

**Option 2:**

**stage 1:**

Remove pews,	
Patch floor	
Paint walls	
Install 24 chairs	
Install cane holders	\$11,000.00

**stage 2:**

Provide two tables	
Replace entrance doors	\$10,000.00

The following are options to help assist in the cost of this project:

- 1: Parishioners be given the option of purchasing a chair in memory of a family member or friend. The cost would be \$350.00 per chair.
2. An opportunity to help finance the door replacement could also be provided to parishioners.
3. Possible sale of existing pews could help with the expense.

