

## **Gay Street Organ Project Questions and Answers**

*Gathered from questions list provided to congregation on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

Hello Church family. Below you will find answers to the list of questions given to you on September 29<sup>th</sup> about the organ project. Our hope is that this gives you more information about the project, so when we need to make further decisions, you are well informed.

### **Costs**

- ❖ What is the total cost of the organ, including construction?
  - \$578,770 (estimation for building work is high in this number)
- ❖ What is the payment schedule?
  - \$46,000 was due upon execution of contract, given on 6/20/2019.
  - \$54,000 due when new pipework is ready, Summer 2020
  - \$337,000 due in 10 monthly installments of \$33,700 each. First installment due when work begins, approximately June 2021.
  - \$46,000 due within 30 days of invoicing after completion.
- ❖ What have we paid so far?
  - \$37,000 for removal from Christ Lutheran, \$46,000 in organ prep, \$1,770 to Revere for the building.
- ❖ What would ongoing maintenance costs be?
  - In 2018, we spent \$1,532.50 on minor repairs and tuning on the current organ. We will still need to tune the new organ, but it will not need as much service as our current organ because it is in better working condition.
- ❖ What would be the useful life of the new organ?
  - 30-50 years depending on correct care of the new organ.

### **Payment**

- ❖ What are our options from investments?
  - If we were to take from investments, we would take the amount from the Living Memorial fund. We can take the entire amount out, half, or otherwise. However, this would deplete the amount in the investment, and therefore lessen the amount finance would receive to alleviate the budget deficit.
- ❖ What is the projected amount that we would borrow?
  - This could be any amount, depending on what we decide to take out of the Living Memorial fund (if we take any at all). Advice was given that we go by the thirds principle: one third of the cost we should have in our accounts, one third of the cost we pay with pledges, and one third we borrow from the bank.

- ❖ Did we consider a capital campaign?
  - At first, no, but it is being reconsidered.
- ❖ Do we have any fundraising goals/thoughts for this project?
  - We originally discussed doing a concert series where donations would be put towards the organ. Out side of this, donations, and a capital campaign, we are still looking for ideas.
- ❖ Have we considered other funding sources or grants?
  - There are no grants available for us at this time. We originally thought there was one we coupled apply for, but we do not quality.

### **Current financial picture**

- ❖ Current 2019 budget shortfalls?
  - Short \$55,428 at the current moment.
- ❖ 2020 budget?
  - Just over \$500,000. We currently have pledged \$280,441 as of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ Impact on revenue from change in investment income/giving units?
  - If we took money for the organ out of the Living Memorial, it would take away money that would be given to the finance committee to alleviate budget shortfalls.

### **Future projects**

- ❖ What might not get done if we take this on?
  - Any other large projects that need fixing. For example, the sound system needs to be updated; we have a quote for updating at \$5,647. The 1901 Steinway piano also needs rebuilt, which would cost around \$20,000.
- ❖ What changes might need to be made in ministry and mission?
  - We have already cut certain amounts from programs to alleviate the budget deficit. This could continue, and staffing changes could be possible.

### **Comparison**

- ❖ What was raised, borrowed, donated for the roof project? What is the difference now?
  - The roof cost \$310,000. \$322,157.66 was given and a total of \$335,656.26 (including interest) was repaid. The interest payments were made out of the operating budget between 2011 and 2014. A revolving line of credit was taken out due to time sensitivity of the issue. It was paid off in 3 years.

### **What if we don't continue with the project?**

- ❖ Costs or refunds involved with the project so far?
  - Nonrefundable: \$77,170 (includes repaying the donor). We can also attempt to sell the Muller organ, but this could take time.
- ❖ Cost of refurbishing the present organ

- Indeterminable. The issue with the current organ is it would cost *more* than purchasing the Muller organ to make it functional. The cost would continue to go up due to leather parts wearing out. Picture an old car that we continue fixing up. At some point, it will be pointless to repair.
- ❖ Future maintenance costs?
  - It would be about what we pay now in maintenance. In 2018, we spent \$1,532.50 on minor repairs and tuning. This cost could increase depending on what breaks/wears down on the organ.
- ❖ What would be the lifespan if repaired?
  - Also indeterminable. We are blessed it continues to work as we speak. Lucas does a phenomenal job of making it sound amazing with what works.
- ❖ What would be the lifespan if not repaired?
  - See above.
- ❖ What is the cost of a good quality digital organ?
  - Allen organ has given us a quote for their three manual G-350. The speakers are included with this along with a ten-year warranty on manufacturers parts and one year on labor. The price for this organ is \$146,035.

We hope that this provides valuable information for you to consider. There are still many things unanswered. If you have any further questions or ideas, feel free to contact any member of the Organ Steering Committee (listed below).

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