

Watts Block Trustees

Minutes

Meeting 4/10/24 9:00 am

Attendees: Neal Guyer, Bill Hahn, in person; Charlie Grover, Jim Cuthbertson, Chris Hirsch, remote

Mr. Hahn opened the meeting with a discussion about electrical system issues in the proposed renovation. Existing service is inadequate for proposed HVAC equipment and should be engineered. Three firms were contacted; Bennett engineering was only firm able to take on the work. Proposal is for \$7,500. Additionally, electrical switchgear has a lead time of about a year.

Mr. Guyer moved that we accept Bennett proposal, seconded by Mr. Grover. All in favor.

Discussed impact on project by switchgear lead time. All felt that best course would be to continue with intent of completing entire project with exception of electrical hookup. This approach mandates that the existing system be utilized for an additional year.

Mr. Grover made motion, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson to proceed and handle the electrical issue as necessary. All in favor.

Mr. Hahn advised all that improved fire alarm system will be required by the Fire Marshall's office for continued use of the assembly spaces. Mr. Cummings, FM Inspector, will work with us and renew our dance license which will expire 3/31/25. Budget pricing has been obtained; need to plan on \$ 35 – 40,000. System will be wireless to reduce installation effort and impacts on historical detail. As this work is essentially independent of rest of job, we should move on it ASAP.

Mr. Grover moved to proceed, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson. All in favor.

The Board agreed to meet at the regularly appointed time, 9:00 am, 4/17 for further discussion.