

REPORT OF (AD HOC) AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE AND BUDGET

The committee is proud of its work over the past three and a half years. The church's new sound system speaks for itself.....so to speak. After several questionnaires and polls to the congregation, and compiling input from these, we seem to have come to an agreement as to the means and content of the video display before and during the services. The current black-on-white display of hymns together with simple but effective color graphics for announcements on the front right wall has been well received to the large majority of congregants. Special recognition is given here to Emma Sousa, who has spent numerous hours testing a variety of software presentations, and handling the display during services virtually single handedly. Parallel with this work, much time and effort has been expended towards researching and testing an efficient and streamlined method to add a video component to the existing audio broadcast of our church services. Currently (using personal or borrowed equipment) we have the capability to stream live audio and video to the internet. Much of the thanks for this work go to Dan Murphy. Special nods also go to Frank Grossman, Burns Fisher, and Jed Holland, who have been very involved with the process, and of course the rest of the committee, Geof Goodell and Sherri Woolsey (ad-hoc member).

We are now at a point where the next step is purchasing professional grade equipment and installing it to accomplish the above two steps, namely:

1. A projector permanently mounted in the balcony, and associated power and cabling to allow display of announcements and words to hymns.
2. Purchase of a video camera and permanent mounting in the balcony.

Our budget requests therefore, are the following:

\$ 900	Electrical outlets and cabling to allow for current display of hymns and announcements from balcony and permanently mounted video camera in balcony for future video and audio broadcast of Sunday services
7,000	Focused high-lumen projector to display hymns and announcements from balcony (we do this now using the church's small projector placed on top of a file cabinet covered with a sheet near the chancel)
500	Dedicated i-Pad for use in operating weekly sound board
1,000	Desk top computer for running video camera(s) for streaming video and audio of services to internet
5,832 *	Contractor carpentry to remove small pew and construct table in balcony
TBD	Small projector in balcony facing rear wall so hymns can be viewed by minister and others when looking out on congregation from locations on chancel

* Estimate based on current cost. Will probably change in future.

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The above items are listed in order of importance to the church, with the first three items needed now, and the last three needed before we will be able to broadcast our services (audio and video) out over the internet. We currently use personal i-Pads or laptops to control the sound board at weekly services and other activities in the sanctuary. We have for some months advertised to have an i-pad donated, but these attempts have proven fruitless. We need a dedicated device as we build our “sound team” in the fall, and many volunteers do not own one. We have also had, or will have, two laptop computers donated by members of the AV Committee for current and future use by the church.

It is our understanding that there are significant funds remaining in the account from two years ago when we asked for voluntary contribution to help defray the cost of our new sound system. Since this money was donated by church members for the specific purpose of the church’s AV needs, we would like to use it now to help offset these budget items.

Respectfully,

Billy Parker

Chair, AV Committee