

**Plymouth Organ Committee Minutes**  
**December 19, 2023, 3:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Kathy Bowen, Johannah Cox, Merilee Dymacek, Don Johnston, Helen Martin, Janice Nicklaus

**Staff Present:** Kim Manz

Kim shared that he is continuing to contact pipe organ companies to obtain preliminary estimates for the organ project at Plymouth. We discussed the reality that the most capable companies, with valued reputations, consistently report being scheduled well into the future and are often not easily available for consultation. Additionally, Kim is continuing discussions regarding the choir loft and chancel area with architects, including how the organ is integrated into planning.

The urgency to get information to Church Council as soon as possible to facilitate preparation for the possibility of a capital campaign was reiterated. Kim shared that he has received one response to his inquiries to obtain estimates.

Quimby Pipe Organ, located in Warrensburg MO, one of the companies of higher interest to us, provided estimates for three options as follows:

**Option 1: \$1,593,678**

A rebuild of the organ to include revoicing and tonal rebuild, adding additional ranks, a new console, updating the electronics with a solid-state control system and releathering existing mechanical components.

**Option 2: \$1,962,636**

Includes all of Option 1 and adds new electro-pneumatic slider windchests with new building frames and walk boards.

**Option 3: \$2,301,212**

New organ with approximately 15 ranks from the existing instrument.

The pricing above should all be considered as plus or minus ten percent and prices do not include rebuilding of the cases for the new configuration. (sanctuary woodwork, panels, etc., in front of the pipes and other parts of the instrument)

Kim also reported that he is continuing efforts to contact other companies. The group discussed the necessity of attaining additional estimates from other companies to find the best option and value for Plymouth to ensure a quality instrument in the sanctuary for years to come.

Information from organ companies will be provided as it is acquired.