

New Carpet Improves Meeting House Aesthetics

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It was a Building and Grounds meeting on December 12 of last year when members Lucille Giammatteo and Peter Meny noted our ratty carpets make a bad impression on potential members and visitors to the Meeting House. A few



years ago two carpet campaigns including fundraisers had resulted in new carpet being installed in the sanctuary, ambulatory and some public spaces including the Library and the area outside of Fellowship Hall. Servetus and other rooms surrounding the ambulatory were not included and the carpets had become wrinkled and, in a word, ratty looking over the many years since their installation.

Peter Meny agreed to head up the B and G Project to cost out new carpet installation consulting with member Kathie Ferguson, an interior decorator. By the February B&G meeting, bids had been received and the matter was sent on to the Board where it was approved at a cost of approximately \$14,104 to install new carpets in most of the rooms around the ambulatory and the nursery off of Fellowship Hall. The work was subsequently scheduled and a USH work crew assembled for the substantial labor of removing everything from the rooms prior to the installation and putting back most of the furniture after the installation was completed. A dumpster with space available was left after the job for our use for a few days. It was put to good use.

Shown below on the left, the Dalene Hardwood FLG CO, INC installation crew at the end of their two day installation of carpet. They were a pleasure to have working at the Meeting House. On the right, the hard working USH moving crew.



Left to right, Peter Meny, Bill Simmons, Kevin Girouard and Ron Sexton. In addition, Annie Witzler and her helpers worked hard on short notice to determine what in the way of stored materials for RE should be sorted, discarded or returned to various shelves and cabinets. In addition, appreciation is extended to those who volunteered for specific times and tasks and, as it turned out, were not needed.
