

Union Church Trustee's Minutes

Date: March 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Attendees: Bobbie Mahler (chair), Linda Petersen, Rev. Bill Meyer, Sally Sutton, Bob Sutton, Michael Barrett (treasurer), Bill Cummings, Ernie Merckens, Julie Dana, BJ Howard, Christine Merckens

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Bobbie Mahler opened the meeting in prayer.	
Secretary report	Minutes from the January 6, 2009 and January 18, 2009 were reviewed and approved.	
Treasurer's report	Michael Barrett presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved as presented. The checking account holds a balance of \$3350.51. The statement reflects the purchase of a new stove for the parsonage and the purchase of coffee from Bob Smith.	

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<p>Old Business</p>	<p>BJ Howard Trustee representative to the Endowment Fund Advisory Committee brought forward the current CD's held at the Skowhegan Savings Bank for\$ 20,000, \$2868.52; \$2000.00 will be maturing and question if we should rolled them over to another CD until the market improves.</p> <p>Discussion around being able to roll all CDs into one CD verses the committee having to manage 3 separate accounts. Motion was made to give Michael permission to talk with Skowhegan Savings Bank the possibility of combining the 3 CDs.</p> <p>Michael Barrett and Bobbie Mahler to have Bobbie's signature to CD accounts.</p>	<p>BJ will discuss this recommendation to the Endowment Fund Advisory Committee and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Michael to bring this information back to the next meeting.</p>
	<p>Kate Garafalo will be the secretary for the Endowment Fund Advisory Committee. She will be a non voting member.</p> <p>BJ discussed purchasing a conference call machine to help keep the members of the Endowment Committee involved in the meetings through out the year. Questions were asked around how this would work with our current phone lines. BJ has explored her options and cost of the machines and she found a machine that she thought would be appropriate for Union Church at Staples. A motion was made and approved for BJ under the guidance of Kevin to explore, purchase and set up conference call material not to exceed the cost of \$300.00.</p>	
	<p>Energy Audit: the estimated cost to insulate walls is \$600.00; Bobbie feels the next steps would be to insulate the interior walls above the sanctuary between the narthex and sanctuary. Ernie and Bill Cummings will look at area needing to be insulated. Everyone to review the energy audit summary prior to our next meeting. Bobbie it is important that we continue to review and follow through on the work that needs to be done. Therefore she will leave this as a standing agenda item.</p> <p>Stove for Parsonage: Bill purchased a GE smooth surface stove. New concern is how often the sump pump is working seems to be working all the time. Bill will follow up with the plumber and bring back at the next meeting. He needs to use the dehumidifier as well.</p>	<p>Ernie to come back to next meeting with an estimate on how much it would cost to insulate the attic area in the sanctuary.</p>

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Lap Top: Julie has purchased a lap top with a colored printer for the Christian Ed program. This was purchased with funds from the Youth Fund account. Julie has agreed to investigate and fund a high speed DSL line for the year. She has agreed to pay for this from the Youth Fund. Motion was made and approved to give Julie the permission to pursue a DSL account.</p> <p>Heating Oil: Fabian Oil has offered a contract for fuel year 2009 -2010 with the cost of 2.099. Discussion around whether we should lock in now or wait to see if the cost continues to go down. Further discussion was to table this until next meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting May 5, 2009 at 7 PM</p>	<p>Michael to continue to explore this contract with Fabian and bring back details to next meeting.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned, 8:30 PM.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Christine Merckens</p>	