

Union Church Trustees Minutes - October 21, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. Members present: Bobbie Mahler - Chair, Bill Meyer, Frank Rizzo, Michael Barrett, Bill Cummings, Christine Merckens, B.J. Howard, and Linda Petersen.

The Secretary's Report from the August 19, 2008 meeting was reviewed and approved.

Mike Barrett presented the Treasurers' Report and it was approved. The checking account holds a balance of \$3,470.71. \$965.00 in Memorial gifts was received. It was voted that two gift certificates to Wing's Hill Restaurant, totaling \$300.00, be purchased and presented to Ernie Merckens and his brother-in-law, as a thank you for the hours of electrical work done for the church. Mike reported that nothing is currently outstanding.

Old Business:

1. Carpet in Friendship Hall - The Trustees thanked Bill Meyer for arranging to have the carpet steamed cleaned. Bill also purchased plastic runners that are placed in front of the coffee & food tables to protect the carpet from drink and food spills. Excellent idea! Plowing (Mark) & Shoveling while the Sexton is Away - It has been arranged to have Mark plow the church for \$75.00 and \$20.00 for the parsonage per storm.
2. Mark does not shovel walkways. Ryan Kenny will do occasional shoveling, when he is available. It is a problem finding someone to shovel. Frank will continue to look for someone to hire for shoveling.

New Business:

1. Replacing Stove at Parsonage - It was discussed and then voted to grant Bill Meyer up to \$500.00 to select and replace the 15 year-old, defective stove in the parsonage.
2. Fall Church Clean-up - Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 am will be the clean-up date, with Mike preparing a simple breakfast to kick-off the morning event.
3. Overheating in Friendship Hall - Due to an issue with the thermostat being set too high in Friendship Hall during a recent evening meeting, Bill Meyer offered to talk to the various groups using the church about this issue. Signs will also be placed near the thermostats, requesting that temperatures not be set above 68 degrees.
4. Energy Audit - There was lengthy discussion about the recent energy audit of the church and the subsequent bitten report with suggested fuel saving projects.
5. Frank will check on whether or not there is a code issue with volunteers doing

some of the insulating work on the church. Bill Cummings and Frank will work on pricing out materials for insulating the crawl space under Friendship Hall and tightening up the sanctuary entry, as noted in the report. Bill and Frank will report back with their findings and an email consensus of the Trustees will be used to move these projects forward prior to winter closing in.

Additional Business:

1. Entry over Parsonage Door - It was approved for Bill Meyer to purchase nine boards to finish boxing in the entry at the parsonage.
2. New Photocopier Needed - The better copier will be moved into the church office, as it is imperative that this is in working order to run off Sunday bulletins. A new copier will be needed soon and |11 be added as a future agenda item.
3. New Sediment Filtration System Installed - Bill Meyer noted that the Memorial Garden paid for this new system for the church.
4. Front Glass Doors for the Church - Bill Meyer asked that the Trustees begin to "consider" new doors for the front of the church. They would be energy efficient doors with glass panels and safety exit bars. The glass panels would provide additional safety in that people opening the doors from the inside could see if someone is standing outside the doors. The doors would also be more welcoming and inviting, in addition to allowing the "Clear light of Christ to Shine Out to the World" Lydia Johnson's 90th birthday is coming up and the Johnson Family might wish to fund this project in their mother's honor.
5. New Church Endowment Program - two handouts were passed out and it was requested that all the Trustees review them by October 31st and identify needed revisions, editing issues or inclusions. Mike Barrett and B.J. Howard will be the Trustee Representatives on the to-be-newly-formed Endowment the Committee. The Reps will meet on November 7.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by L. Petersen