

Trustees Meeting  
September 9, 2014

Present: Alan Long, Nick Nunally, Steve Burlingame, Karen McPherson, Ron Follett, Anita Drisko (Treasurer), Joe Marchio

Joe opened the meeting with prayer.

The July Meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Financial Report: The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Pastor's Report: Many people are in difficult health situations. Otherwise, things are going well. The Chatham Music Club will be using the Sanctuary on Tuesdays through October.

Don Semsel who was not able to attend, sent in an investment report which shows our investments to increased about 5% this year to date.

Memorials: Karen reported that there is about \$2100 in the Memorial Fund.

Fundraising: The craft fairs did well. Most vendors plan to return. One vendor requested and received his money back.

New Years: Some have mentioned that we should try to have cookies and hot chocolate rather than lasagna, which is labor intensive. Others have suggested chowder. It could be possible to purchase lasagna from BJs and sell, rather than cook them all here.

Pumpkins, Cookie Express and Tie Dye are not Trustee fundraisers.

Art on the Lawn: We need to follow on the billing. We may need to give them an invoice.

Buildings and Grounds: The refrigerator in the kitchenette is gone; however, some are talking about re-doing the kitchenette entirely. No one needs to replace the refrigerator there as it is not used.

HVAC: Original thought had been to take the payment out of the investment account; however, it appears that we can pay for it with our current funds. The trustees decided to use current funds to pay for it- if we need more by the end of the year, we can take it from the investment fund.

Steeple: We need to schedule the steeple work, irrespective of the Verizon deal. If Verizon comes through, we still will receive the contracted \$16,000 from them. If we need to< we will take the funds from the investment fund>Bob Becker is instructed to move forward with the steeple repair.

Bob suggested that we get professional gardening for next year. Bob says that some lighting needs replacement. We will get clarification and have the failing ones replaced.

We are still trying to get the fire department to do defibrillator training, but we have been unable to get someone in to do it.

Joe: 1) Jasmine says that the vacuum is not working. She would like to have the church to purchase a new one and has recommended the information for an industrial one for about \$250. We will discuss with Bob when he gets back.

2) Julian: Joe has recommended that we award a stipend/bonus of \$500 for “above and beyond” work as summer choir director during this past summer. We can pay for it out of the music budget. There was unanimous approval from the Trustees for the bonus.

Old Business: Verizon Update: still waiting. Ron has provided some historical information as they evaluate the contract and apply for their permits.

Request for the use of the church kitchen: we deferred a decision on this until the next meeting. In the meantime, Alan will discuss some things with her and with the Board of Health.

New Business: the doors are not always locked. We need to make an announcement.

Coastal Engineering: Steve suggested that we talk to CPA chair, John Kaar, about what is required for qualifications. Also, there is a feeling that the Coastal Engineering quote (\$10,000) is high and we should obtain additional quote(s). Action was deferred until the next meeting. It was noted that to achieve “historic” designation, we will have to replace the vinyl siding. Steve suggested appointing a subcommittee of people in the church to look at these things and make recommendations to the trustees. Alan will talk to Joe about appointing such a committee.

2015 Budget: Alan will set up a budget meeting with Pat Caswell and others so that we can tackle this next month. We should look at hiring a sexton for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm/