

Trustee Meeting January 6, 2015

Trustees Present: Max Schipper, Greg Wilson, Pastor Bromley, Stan McCallum, Dennis Tabor, Linda Osborn, Ed McCumber, Derik Heimerdinger, Penny Quillan, Pam Greb.

Welcome New Members: Members introduced themselves, and gave a brief past experience of trustee membership. New members: Derik, Linda, Ed and Penny were welcomed to the group.

Opening Prayer: Dennis Tabor. (Max explained that this is not solely the responsibility of Pastor Dennis, as he is not a member, just present as a visitor. Prayer can be said by anyone willing to do so.)

Minutes from previous meeting read. Motion to accept minutes made by Max, seconded by Dennis T. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shoreline Cycle: Stan reports checking the use of property for the cyclists, concerned about liability, and was told by the insurance company the property is open to all, as it is "Not Posted" for trespassers. Max talked to Andy, informing him that use of a snowmobile to use for grooming was denied. Decision made to allow Shoreline Cycle Group to use property as the general public is allowed.

Fire Suppression Systems Inspections: Max presented statistics from three companies: Confessco, Rapid Fire, Riverside and Brigade, listing their charges for the various types of inspections. The dry sprinkler system trip test is very important, and the charges given by Cofessco were substantially less than our current company Brigade. This is an annual test. Max to re-contact these companies to find their final quotes and report back to the group.

Sanctuary Enhancement Project: Quotes and estimates on lighting and sound continue. Ron M. is the sound expert we are working with at this time, who will also look into lighting. This is ongoing. Pastor Dennis explained to the group that the Steering Committee, which includes Max, will work with the various consultants, and bring their recommendation to the Trustees for their final approval.

Due to the large number of burned out light bulbs in the sanctuary, Max had put out an appeal in Sunday's bulletin to members to help move pews the evening of Tuesday, Jan 13. A lift is being delivered on the 13th, so that bulbs can be replaced on Wednesday, Jan 14, and the pews be returned to their places that same day, again utilizing the volunteers.

Parsonage: A leak around the fireplace has been noted. Mike, from MD Services, was on the roof in an attempt to seal the chimney. He is unsure if the problem is the roof, or a chimney crack. Stan has consulted a mason to help in re-sloping the floor in the garage (an ongoing problem) and will ask this person to look at the chimney and see if a temporary repair can be made until spring. The garage floor situation is causing problems for Joann and Pastor Dennis. The collecting water (from the improper garage floor slope) is freezing, making it hazardous to walk from car to house. Max has volunteered to cut a channel to get this standing water to flow to the drain, a temporary fix until the spring. He is looking into the feasibility of this measure.

Building Use Form: Should the form be revised? Should the policy be changed, including having a member of the congregation present during use of the church from people outside the church? Max will talk to Laurie, and bring his finding back to the Trustees.

Sign for Memorial Garden: Need to get new bid. Dennis T will continue working with Northwood Signs, to create a smaller sign with less artwork than previous example. Sign should be easy to read, succinct, and include the necessary arrows to show the way.

Parking Lot Lights, West Entrance: Need to replace energy efficient bulb, and it was suggested to do this at the time we are in possession of the lift needed for the sanctuary (see above). As for the necessary replacement bulb, contact Ted R who knows what bulbs to use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lead in Well Water: We received a letter from PM Township, that a recent test of a local well showed some unacceptable levels of lead. A re-test of this site showed acceptable levels. This was just a notification. The church proper is on city water, but the pavilion is on a well. Ed pointed out from prior experience, that public wells are to be tested annually. This will be put into effect.

Benefit: Carol Lunde, granddaughter of member Betty Lunde, is requesting use of our facilities for a benefit for a cancer patient (herself). This includes use of our kitchen. As this is a non-profit benefit, and the daughter of a member, it was decided to not request a fee. Request must include the Building Use Application, and church supervision must be included.

Cub Scouts: An overnight camp out in our Fellowship Hall is scheduled in February. Member John Drees is scoutmaster. Supervision includes one adult/cub scout. This will require use of the Building Use Application Form. Again, no fee is required.

Insurance Deduction: Brotherhood Mutual Insurance has contacted us regarding our completing the Sexual Acts Coverage Questionnaire. This form pertains to the number of adults present when in the company of children. (more than one to protect us from charges). Max will look form over. Pastor states that the UMC leaders would appreciate our complying with this request.

Budget: The finance committee has reviewed our budget. Pastor has requested each committee to review their portion of the budget to determine if any cuts can be made. Max presented a copy of the section pertaining to those areas covered by the Trustees. Max directed us to the Cleaning Service fees, questioning saving these monies and have the church cleaned by the membership. This was determined not to be feasible. No other budget cuts identified. Pastor did identify areas needing cleaning beyond what the general service is able to provide. A short discussion ensued, suggesting a spring and fall date be arranged for deep cleaning being done by volunteer membership. No action taken at this time.

Van/Trailer: Max questions the potential cost saving if we were able to remove collision from the insurance policy during the time they are in storage. Penny, states she works in the insurance industry, and will check the feasibility and get back to Max.

Lock Up:

Jan 11	Dennis Tabor
Jan 18	Ed McCumber
Jan 25	Greg Wilson
Feb 1	Derik Heimerdinger

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Next Meeting: February 3, 2015, 7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Greb