

Trustee Meeting March 1, 2016

Trustees present: Ed McCumber (chaired meeting), Greg Wilson, Dennis Tabor, Derik Heimerdinger, Nancy Toll, Pastor Dennis, Penny Quillan and guest Don Hull

Prayer: Pastor Dennis

Minutes from the February 2nd meeting were approved.

Nothing to report from the Finance committee or Ad Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ted is looking into the problem with the lights in the stained glass windows. Dennis Tabor offered to work with Ted on this task. He also pointed out that the flame and cross light is out. Five parking lot lights are out as well.

An LED light fixture above the choir loft is out. Ted is going to contact Medler. This particular spot has been a problem in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no longer a need for the Urka tax exemption certificate as we no longer have the van.

Dennis Jensen is leaving for vacation next Wednesday and will be gone for two weeks. Volunteers are needed for snow cleanup.

The garage roof needs to be replaced. The price for a steel roof from Lowes would run approximately \$911.57 or less with a discount. A quote from Square Deal came in at \$1,100. A new steel roof can go over the existing roof.

Presentation by Don Hall:

Don suggested the need for our church to enhance and diversify the revenue stream. Strategic planning can help to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the church. When the research is complete the church can find a way to generate revenue. He felt our strengths are the new building, the pastor, our music program, wonderful reputation, easy to identify and locate, and the ease of access.

One weakness, which could also be threat, is our finances. Doors can close on a church where the total focus is the congregation and visitors to supply the only revenue. People on fixed incomes are becoming the majority of the congregation. Other threats are competition or new programs offered from other churches, as well as non traditional ways of worship.

It was pointed out that the last strategic plan of the church was when we moved into the new building.

Don proposed a few ideas.

A daycare center within the church. This could include care on weekends or build up to a tax exempt elementary school. Daycares are needed in the area, however, insurance, licensing, training, and storage space for separate toys may each be an issue.

RV Park behind the church. This could start as RV storage and build up to an RV Park. Problems would be the wet ground, zoning, change of the church's view and losing our tax free status. This could be done under a DBA and the proceeds would go back to the church. Any change of the usage of the church property must be cleared by the district. The church would need to seek out a good lawyer and tax specialist. Discussion was held on the use of the US 10 property but it could cost more to develop than it would bring in.

Skilled nursing or assisted living center. Previously the church had been in contact with Clark Homes. However, the current state limit of beds has been exceeded by Tendercare and Oakview. A new assisted living center is already being built in the area. This would also be a huge liability risk.

Don was thanked for his presentation.

Lockup:

March 6 - Derik Heimerdinger
March 13 - Dennis Tabor
March 20 - Penny Quillan
March 27 - Greg Wilson
April 3 - Ed McCumber

Pastor Dennis asked if the church keys had been returned by Jennifer. Keys are needed for both of the new youth leaders. A motion was made and approved for two new sets of church keys.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm