**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**United Church of Christ (Congregational)**

**Strongsville, OH 44138**

**January 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Greg Dickson at 7:04 PM.

Pastor Heidi led the group in prayer.

**Those present were:**

Greg Dickson, Mike Clotworthy, Myron Coston, Dale Hawk, Bob Kovatich, Ed Sobek, Adria Bond, Pastor Heidi Denman McDougall, Sally Herzog, Judy Gaumer

Bob moved to accept the December email meeting minutes, Myron seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurers/Financial Secretary report:**

Adria reported we have $14,000 in the bank and had a good year. She presented the new budget with a few minor changes, mainly payment for the organist. Myron moved to accept the report, Bob seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Memorial/Endowment:** Dale moved we approve spending up to $300 for a D7 handbell in memory of Betty Bushea. Ed seconded. Motion passed.

Sally reported that she has paid $1200 to repay the loan from the Memorial fund. She will pay another $1200 this year.

**Interior Improvements:** More research is needed to find a better ramp than we currently use. Perhaps a 9 ft. temporary ramp would work. Myron will look over anything we find. One step going down to Pilgrim Hall needs to be repaired.

**Ministers Report:** Heidi presented an idea for a sign to be placed in front of the church. It would be an approximately 4 ft. sign, historical in nature, containing our name and address. Myron moved to have Heidi gather estimates for the sign. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

An AA member came to Heidi with a concern about lighting in the kitchen. When the light is turned off, there is no light to the exit. Myron stated there are exit signs that come on when it is dark. They have their own power, and are relatively inexpensive. Myron will check them out.

**New Business:**

Sally reported that our insurance policy bill increased $936 (10.25%) over last year. Ed said this is really not a bad increase considering the industry wide increases are much higher.

Dale expressed concern that the condition of our ladders, step stools, electrical cords, etc. need to be reviewed. Any that are found to be in bad condition should be thrown away. Dale, Mike and Myron will start doing a safety check, but if anyone sees something that needs to be replaced, they should take a picture and send it to Dale.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

Myron moved to adjourn, Mike seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gaumer

Clerk