BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Strongsville, OH 44138

February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Greg Dickson at 7:00 PM.

Those present were: Greg Dickson, Myron Costin, Bill Giuliano, Sandy Pogozelski, Eddy Bond, Sally Herzog, Adria Bond, Pastor Heidi Denman McDougall, Judy Gaumer

The January 14 minutes were corrected to read “the $1200 payment to the Endowment fund will be made after this meeting.” Bill moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Myron seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s report:** Sally reported a balance of $15,876. We are still in good shape. Myron moved to accept the report, Greg seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Memorial/Endowment Fund**: Greg moved that we purchase another memorial bell for the bell choir, not to exceed $250. Myron seconded. Motion passed.

The group discussed planting a tree in memory of Jan Stough.

There is a proposal to purchase 25 new chairs for Pilgrim Hall at a cost of $45.00, approximately $1125 total. Greg has ordered one chair so we can check the quality of the chairs before buying more.

Memorials have been received for Jan Stough, Judith Munshower, Allan Haberkorn and Bill Williamson.

Everyone was reminded of the ongoing church safety audit. Members are asked to note any safety issues they see. A new stool has been purchased for the kitchen. A lighter was found on an upstairs table, and should be placed in a safer location, away from small children.

**Interior Improvement**: Jim Heinrich is checking out safety lights for Pilgrim Hall.

We have 2 bids for step repair. One from Finish Line for $1,215.00 and one from Mario Mastrangelo for $525. Greg will ask Mario for an updated bid that will include extending the railing.

Greg thanked Bob Kovatich and Tom Gaumer for serving on the Board, and welcomed Eddy back. Myron will serve as Vice Chair and Eddy will represent the Trustees on the Stewardship Committee.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The parking lot may need a re-do. We have a bid of $3500 from George Love. Eddy will check with him to get on his scheduling.

Eddy will get 3 bids for gutter cleaning for all three buildings.

**Miscellaneous:**

Jim Heinrich was given permission to borrow the wireless mic system for the Strongsville Community Theater.

**Safe Church Link**-We need to have a way to conduct background checks on anyone working with the children. While we have a policy in place, we need a place to go and this might be it. It is important to have something in place, especially if we have a youth group in the future.

Eric submitted a landscaping bid for this season. It is almost exactly like last year’s bid except for the price of mulch. Members questioned the price of Royalton Rd. mulch vs. church mulch. They also wanted to include weeding at Royalton Rd. Greg will be in touch with Eric.

The condition of the labyrinth was discussed. Myron suggested that we put rock salt down to control the weeds. As it rains, the rock salt dissolves and kills the weeds!

The garden along the back of the church needs attention. Perhaps people would donate extra plants when they are cleaning up their gardens this spring.

Pastor Heidi discussed placement of the historical sign. It will be to the left of the front steps. Dale will contact the city to see if a variance is needed.

Cost to replace a flood light at the Pearl Rd. property was $345.

The Pearl Rd. house needs attention. There is an uneven walkway, and the building needs painting. Perhaps church members could put together a list of needed items.

The uneven sidewalk beside the kitchen needs attention. Perhaps George Love could level it. We are not sure where the property line with Pomeroy is, and would need to find out.

With the upcoming retreat, we will need Gwen to do some cleaning while our regular custodians are gone. She will be asked to clean the kitchen, empty trash, clean the bathrooms and vacuum.

Sandy suggested that she put together a list of items that have been on the old business list for several months. Items could be prioritized and church members could be asked to help get these done.

We need an update on the Sunday School improvement proposal.

Sally moved to adjourn, Myron seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gaumer, Clerk