

## 2010 Spring Meeting West Dover Congregational Church

**Present:** Rev. Emily Heath-Carrington (Pastor), Chuck Gentilin (Moderator), Laurel Cashman (Treasurer), Richard Severance (Assistant Treasurer) Jill Gentilin (Secretary), Allan Jones (Chair Trustees), Leni Brown (Chair Deacons), Nelson Bond (Interim Assistant Treasurer), Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair Trustees) Louise Severance, Sharain Jones, Andy McLean, Barbara Willenbrock, Jan Kierys, Frank Smith, Cookie Carruthers, Anna Cashman, Kenny Cashman, Randy Johnson, Julia Carson, Sindy Fillion, Charlotte Bond, Harriette Hamilton, Sally Mundell

**Opening:** Emily opened with prayer. Chuck went over the rules of the road.

**Financial Status:** A spreadsheet of current financial figures was passed out. We have been rapidly spending down our reserves (46% in two years), we have not done any fund raising to replenish these funds, and our plate and envelope collection is diminishing. At the rate we are going we will be out of money in three years.

The fund raising committee has been revised and Sharain volunteered to be a member of this committee. We need to meet with the town Select board and get the agreement of the mowing, snow removal and use of the copier in writing. We may also need to renegotiate this verbal contract. Randy offered to do the mowing to eliminate this cost. Richard offered to increase his pledge by 10% and several other members agreed to do this. We noted that the earnings of the Activity Center are down.

People in charge of separate budgets are asked to delay any unnecessary spending. We noted our attendance has been up. People thought that the prayer line helped when reminding people of special events. Having worked on the garden today, we noted that we had some plants that needed separated and it would be a good idea to have a plant sale.

**Out-Reach:** Richard outlined the four groups:

1. Spiritual Enrichment: Jeremy, Harriette, Mikie, Chris
2. Benevolence: Allen, Jill, Chuck
3. Families with children: Sindy, Laurel, Randy Johnson
4. Other Adults: Sandy, Herb, Eddie, Bill, Sharain

Each group was asked to present their ideas and then we would vote on them. The hope was that we would narrow the ideas down to 4 or 5 that we could really get behind.

Ideas as presented with number of votes;

- Spiritual Enrichment:
- Book discussion on spirituality 24 votes,
- Speaker series on comparing different religions 22 votes
- Families and children:
- Youth night (using movies, games, music, and Nintendo) 25 votes
- Mom's night (including beauty, baby sitting for children 10 votes
- Family night (including games, movies etc) 19 votes
- Older Adults:
- Men's breakfast 25 votes
- Exercise class 21 votes
- Game night 13 votes
- Dancing with square dancing or ballroom do be done at Town Hall 14
- Lobster dinner 16 votes
- Ice cream social 0 votes
- Benevolence:
- Replace two of our UCC offerings with local charitable i.e. Kurn-Hattin child, Dover school child, family in need
- Free pancake breakfast (donation could be solicited) 17 votes
- Non alcoholic social night for young adults (18-24) 21 votes

The groups were asked to meet again plan what they can do and invite other members to join them.  
We need an activities calendar to be sure dates don't overlap.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Emily

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin Secretary

These minutes have not been approved