

West Dover Congregational Church Council Minutes August 18, 2010

Present: Chuck Gentilin (Moderator), Rev. Emily Heath (Pastor), Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair of Trustees), Harriette Hamilton (Deacon), Charlotte Bond (President LKG), and Jill Gentilin (Secretary)

Opening: Emily opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes were approved without change. Emily read the Treasurer's Report into the minutes. In July the plate and envelope collection was \$4,834 and year to date \$30,840. We are now ahead of budget. Our average attendance since May is over 40 persons. This is better than most small churches in Vermont. All of the figures speak to an up swing in the spirit of the church.

Deacons': Reporting for the Deacons, Harriette reported that the sign for the front of the church has been purchased now that the Christmas tree is gone and visibility is better. The book study met last night and there were 18 attendees. They are in conversation with Alan Dunn, organist, about playing more familiar hymns. Andy Childs is interested in bringing his guitar to do the offertory on Sundays. Jill asked if any work had been done on the special offerings. Harriette said they would take it up at the next meeting. Jill also said Nelson had suggested the front stage in of the sanctuary be used to showcase the missions that the church supports. Harriette will take this to the next meeting.

LKG: LKG is preparing for the Sept 2 date for the Welcome Center. There are still some hours that need to be covered. Charlotte said that Green Mtn. Coffee, Price Chopper, Shaw's and Grafton Cheese had been contacted about donations. Tony Tribuno will make blueberry muffins again. Jill has asked Phil Bowen about getting some Apples. Eddie Barber will bring ice. Mindy will contribute lemonade. People are asked to bake for this day or if unable to bake then monetary donations will help us buy needed food.

Trustees: Bill reported that he is waiting for the estimate for the roof and steeple from Scott Quinn. Other Trustee business: we are working on replacing the Treasurer, a fund raising drive is in the works as well as the annual budget and a stewardship campaign.

Pastor: Emily said she is excited about the direction of the church as all of the figures are moving in the right direction. She plans an evening worship on Wednesdays in the fall. The food drive for the Food Pantry was very successful. We collected 184 cans of food with the Red Sox wining by 1 can. There is a box to collect children's books for Kurn Hattin in the church. Harriette is getting discarded books from the library.

She will take a week's vacation and not be here the week of Oct. 10.

Out Reach Committees: We set the date for the Men's Breakfast for Sept 18 at 8:30 AM. There being no other business the meeting adjourned with prayer by Emily.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved.