

West Dover Congregational Church Council Minutes July 21, 2010

Present: Chuck Gentilin (Moderator), Rev. Emily Heath (Pastor), Allen Jones (Chair of Trustees), Charlotte Bond (President of LKG), Leni Brown (Chair of Deacons), Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair of Trustees), and Jill Gentilin (Secretary)

Opening: The meeting opened at 5 PM with a prayer by Emily. The minutes were approved with one spelling correction (activities instead of activates) Emily read the treasurer's report in the absence of Laurel. We have made significant gains in plates and envelopes in May, June, and July. We have collected \$32561 year to date and that is half way toward our budgeted figures. This report was accepted subject to audit.

Deacons The "Blessing of the Bikes" was cancelled because of weather. It may be rescheduled. The Deacons are looking to buy a UCC Banner for the outside of the church. A map of the USA has been placed in the Narthex for visitors to mark their home state. The guest book has been found and placed in the back of the church. They met with Jill from the Benevolence Committee and their suggestions for special offerings will be considered. They took suggestions from the Benevolence Committee for special offerings under consideration.

LKG: The planned visit to Nell was cancelled due to weather. We will have to reschedule. The luncheon was a great success with a good turnout. Sept 2 is the date for the Welcome Center. We will need baked goods.

Trustees: The Trustees are trying to meet with the Fund Raising Committee to coordinate fund raising. Bill has contacted Skyline Engineering to give us an estimate on the repair of the roof and steeple. Steve Quinn will be here Friday to look at the attic. Sindy plans to bring in the Wii on Friday. Jill will pick it up. The painting of the Narthex went well. We still need a date to work on the garden. The Trustees are concerned about the resignation of the treasurer. We need to start work on the budget. Laurel has said she will stay on to help with this.

Pastor: We have seen an increase in attendance and financial health in May, June and July. The book discussion group will start in August. The book is "Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation" a book by Parker Palmer. Randy is working on a web page. He has a page for the sermon and a youth page.

Outreach Committees: No progress on teen group or Men's Breakfast.

Exercise Class: Jill will bring her "My Fitness Coach" for an exercise class. We will look toward purchasing our own program. We will also have a release of responsibility for people to sign.

Tree: The Christmas tree out front is growing into the power lines. Bill will contact the power company to see if they will cut it down. The meeting adjourned at 5:45PM with a prayer by Chuck

Respectfully submitted by Jill Gentilin.

These minutes have not been approved.