

Church Council Minutes March 17, 2010

Present: Chuck Gentilin (Moderator), Brenda Adcock (Interim Pastor), Louise Severance (Vice-chair of LKG), Leni Brown (Chair Deacons), Richard Severance (Assist. Treasurer), Allen Jones (Chair Trustees), Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair Trustees), Randy Schoonmaker, Harriette Hamilton (Deacon), Mikie Schwarz (Deacon), Sharain Jones, and Jill Gentilin (Secretary)

Opening: Chuck opened the meeting at 10:05 AM with a prayer. The minutes were approved with two changes one to the date (2010 instead of 2019 and *April* first was added as the date of the Tennebrae service).

Treasurer: The Treasurer was absent so there was no direct report. Richard said he had met with Laurel and thought she had sufficient access to money to pay the current bills.

Randy Schoonmaker: Randy presented a fiscal report of our spending which he thought would be easier to understand. He asked for a meeting of the congregation to discuss our fiscal status. It was noted that we had a bequest of \$5000 from one donor that we don't will be repeated in 2010. This money helped our bottom line in 2009. We did spend \$42314 in 2008 on flood damage in the Activity Room and general maintenance. Right now we are projecting a substantial budget deficit for this year. We set the date for this meeting on May 2. The congregation will be given a copy of Randy's report a week before the meeting. A question was asked about pursuing grants as this is a historical building. Randy said he had looked into this and an inspector had come to look at the building. The inspector thought the vinyl siding would present a problem. There are no grants for general maintenance that he could discover.

Deacons: Leni reported that the Deacons had a retreat that focused on Spiritual renewal.

LKG: Mindy will do the Easter flowers in the window. Jill will prepare a bulletin insert or the Easter service with the names of people who wish to buy flowers for the altar and the names of to whom the flowers are dedicated. Jill and Sharain set a date to do the butterflies on March 30. They will meet at 9AM. The Memorial Day sale will be held. Mindy will organize the white elephant sale. We may have craft tables outside and sell baked goods and soup.

Trustees: Allen said the Trustees were concerned about the decrease in income. They hoped to get summer groups such as biking groups to come and use the Activity Room in the same way that skiing groups do now.

Richard is working on developing some programs and this Sunday he will ask for people who are interested in programs to attract different age groups to get together and sort out the ideas that he has received. They also plan to have Randy give a synopsis of our financial status in the Newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Pastor: Brenda has planned a vacation in April. She will work around the arrival of the newly called pastor. She thinks our website needs major work. It should have more pictures of people.

Old Business: Bill has received one bid or the stair chair in the \$12000 range and is waiting for two more. He expects them to be in the same range. The idea of an elevator .bas been dropped as it is too expensive. We will need a variance to put in the stair chair instead of the elevator from the state Access Committee.

New Business: The Dover Bicentennial Committee would like to use the Activity Room for a slide presentation on Oct 2. This was approved. We talked about a follow up after this presentation in the sanctuary

to show off our beautiful church. Perhaps we could get the bell choir to play. We would also like to do a float. There are suggested categories one of which is patriotic. Jill said we could have a theme of "in God we trust".

Richard said he had talked with Herb about attending a conference in Shrewsbury, MA being presented by the Congregational Library. This includes a panel discussion of churches that have just completed their own anniversary celebration. Allen Jones volunteered to go with Herb to this event. We hope Nelson Bond would agree to be part of a liaison committee to float ideas gleaned from this event.

Louise received a charge for the Compensation Committee to meet with the newly called minister to work out compensation.

The public meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM and the officers went into executive session to discuss a personal issue. This meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectively Submitted Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved.