

## Minutes for Church Council Meeting January 19, 2011

**Present:** Chuck Gentilin (Moderator), Richard Severance (Assistant Treasurer), Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair of Trustees), Leni Brown (Chair of Deacons), Louise Severance (Vice President LKG), Harriette Hamilton, and Jill Gentilin, Secretary

**Opening:** Jill opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes were read and approved without change.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Richard passed out copies of the proposed budget. Pledges have increased. There was some discussion of the amount we pay to OCWM. There is also the concern that the Wilmington Church may ask for an increase in the contribution we pay for Pastoral Leadership. Suggested plans were put forth if at any time we might be responsible for the entire amount. One plan was to put away some money for that contingency. No changes were made to the budget. The Preservation Fund has \$18,600. We will probably need somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000. We are contemplating two grants, one from the state and one from the Greenwalt Foundation. John Thurber will be talking about the two estimates that we have so far. Barbara Willenbrock has agreed to take on the treasurer position. We discussed the use of the Excel Program and what advice Jim Thompson from the Vermont UCC might give us about accomplishing the treasurer's duties.

**Deacons:** There was no meeting this month. The Pastoral Relations Committee has been reconstituted. This is Leni's last month and we congratulated her for the great job she had done.

**LKG:** This year's fund raising has been down. A supper is planned for the spring. This will be organized by Phil Bowen and will be a "Bean Supper." In February they will take up plans for Easter.

**Trustees:** John Thurber presented a plan to the Trustees for a new front door. The cost will be minimal. The Trustees approved the plan. A drawing of the door is in the Annual Report. All necessary building codes will be met if the door is built. We will ask the congregation to approved any necessary funds needed to fix the steeple. The library phone has been fixed.

**Pastor's Report:** The "Gen X-Gen Y" group will be meeting at the Last Chair on Wednesday nights. The membership is up (6 new members in December) and the Stewardship Campaign was very successful. Emily plans to restart the newsletter.

**Nominating Committee:** Jill reported that with the following: Barbara Willenbrock as Treasurer, Dave Bolton and Janet Kierys as Deacons and Bob Rubin as a Trustee, all open positions are filled.

**Annual Meeting:** Final preparations are being made. We will have a ham and potluck dinner. A movie called "The Power of Forgiveness" will be shown during the time are waiting for Emily to return.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved.