

Trustees Minutes August 12, 2010

Present: Bill Hamilton (Vice Chair), Rev. Emily Heath (Pastor), Elinor Havness, and Jill Gentilin (Secretary)

Treasurer: Emily reported for Laurel. The plate and envelope collection has continued to increase; March \$3200, April \$4100, May \$5300, June \$4300, and July \$4800. We agree this followed increased attendance.

We developed a plan to replace the Treasurer. Four people who are interested in giving Laurel some relief will meet and outline duties for the Treasurer. It is hoped that the job can be divided to make it more tolerable.

Budget: We decided that we would start working on the budget early in September and meet weekly until it is finished. We will encourage the use of envelopes for the offering. We hope to have it finished before October. We need to let the Deacons know so that they can start on their budget.

Quorum: With the small size of our church it is increasingly difficult to have half of the members attend business meetings. Jill did some research on this subject. Robert's Rule of Orders states that a quorum is decided by the by-laws of the institution. Our by-laws call for at least one third of the voting members. Essentially that would be two Trustees. We agreed that two people are not really enough to make decisions but three people would be sufficient.

Steeple and Roof: Scott Quinn has not yet given us an estimate but has talked with Bill and he is working on the figures.

Fund Raising: We plan to kick off a fund raising effort to repair the steeple and roof. Herb and Randy are working on contacting some people individually. We will also do 4 quarter page ads in four successive months, (Sept to Dec. We will also order 200 copies of a fund raising brochure. Some of these will be mailed to members and friends of the church. A Stewardship drive will begin in the fall

The minutes were approved without change.

Emily closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved