

Trustees Meeting November 4, 2010

Present: Rev. Emily Heath (Pastor), Richard Severance (Assist. Treasurer), Sindy Hassig, John Thurber, Elinor Havness, and Jill Gentilin (Secretary)

Opening: Richard opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes were approved with one correction. Emily's name was incorrectly stated.

Fund Raising: Several letters have been received but not to preserve confidentiality. We are waiting for the treasurer's transition to be completed.

Richard has investigated a historical grant that the state of Vermont administers. A maximum of \$15000 Snow removal/mowing is available as a 50/50 matching grant. We are too late to apply for this grant this year but plan to pursue it next year. In order to do this we need three bids. John will call a couple of other contractors. One impediment is that we have to apply before the repair is done. John will get together with Chuck and decide if the repairs need to be done immediately.

Snow removal/mowing: A question was raised at Church Council as to whether we should continue the current arrangement with town. The town does part of our snow removal and we pay for mowing. Jill talked with both Mickey Kirsten and Richard Werner about costs to do this. If we were to take over our own snow removal and not pay for mowing around the town office there would be a net increase in cost. We decided to maintain the current arrangement.

Pizza party: Elinor moved to purchase one or two large pizzas for people who come to see the Patriots vs. the Colts football game on the large TV downstairs.

Bean Supper: Phil Bowen has taken the lead to plan a bean supper sometime in December or January. Elinor moved that we could spend up to \$200 to buy food for this supper. That is probably more money than we will be advertised as a sober supper opened to the community. There was some discussion about whether or not the enthusiasm would continue if we decided to do this every other month. It was decided to wait and see but to go ahead and plan the first one.

Memorial Plaque: This idea was put forth last month. We would offer people the chance to place a name of a person they wanted to remember on this plaque. The cost would be a minimum of \$100. This idea was postponed because we are already raising money for the repair of the roof and the steeple. We will take it up sometime in the future.

Contract renewal: We will solicit bids for cleaning and window washing for next year. Jill and Emily will go over the specifics of the contract.

Christmas Eve Sign: We discussed several options for a sign advertising our Christmas Eve service. Sindy will investigate the cost of a banner to be placed on the front of the church.

Stewardship: Emily will be speaking about the way to make a pledge as a way of worshiping God. Persons from the congregation will give short talk on "Why I Give", on the 7th and 14th. There will be pledge brochures available in the Narthex and others will be mailed. Persons making pledges will be given the opportunity to place these pledges in the offering baskets on the 14th.

Budget: Work on the budgets will start this month. We need to have an idea of what we spent on each item this year. The compensation committee will meet with Wilmington to work out next year's compensation for Emily.

Emily closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved.