

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
May 9, 2006

Attendance: Donna Jones, Bobby Coker, Chuck Grodahl, Jim Minear, Keith Polk, David Boyleston, Sue Ann Walke, Lee Boyleston Ex-Officio: George Howle, Neil Flowers, Ellen Miller, Bob Kosky Guest: Harry Sampson

The meeting was opened with prayer by Neil Flowers.

The April minutes were approved as written with the correction that our visitor was Jeff Ray not Jim Ray as written.

**Open Forum:**

- Contract terms for contractors were passed out to everyone. Chuck suggested that safety suggestions should be given to contract workers and they should have their own insurances and workers comp. Neil suggested we should get a lawyer to draw up some standard operation contract that the church could use with all contractors.
- Harry S. requested money to purchase another computer for the volunteer office. He had suggestions as to what software should be installed with the purchase. A motion was made and seconded to purchase one computer.

**Financial Report:**

- Ellen reported that we should be around 33% spending for the year and currently we are at 24.45%. Ellen also reported that George's housing allowance had been increased from \$18,000 to \$30,000. His salary was lowered by \$12,000.

**Facility Use Request:**

- The Scholastic Book Club has requested the use of 1 room to run a workshop for all schools. This would be August 24 from 1-3 PM. A motion was made and seconded.

**Old Business:**

- Insurance: Currently our policy covers 2.4M for \$2312/qtr. An increase of coverage to 2.9M would be \$2814/qtr. and an increase to 4M would be \$3760/qtr. The church pews are considered to be part of the building not contents. No other churches in the area have earthquake coverage. Lee Boyleston made a motion to table this until next month when Allen returns.
- Mini-Bus Policy is in effect and Neil sees no issues with the current policy.
- Maintenance, Repairs and Project List: It was reported that work on the list is progressing nicely, ("list is shrinking on one end and growing on the

other”). Everyone is appreciative of all the hard work these volunteers are doing around the church.

- Sanctuary Chiller Replacement – Neil reported that Palmetto Air was still working out some of the bugs in the system and that Palmetto was replacing the computer that runs the system.
- Benches from the Old Altar: No Report
- CPR in Lieu of Defibrillator: Sue Ann talked to Red Cross and First Response. Red Cross would charge \$36/ person plus \$10 for instructor while at First Response, Mr. Stokes, charges \$20/ person. There was discussion as to who should take the class. It was suggested that the staff and the nursery workers should be certified. It was decided to offer it to church members as well. The members would pay their own way.
- Cleanout Excess: It was reported that the work is ongoing.
- Gym Floor Refinishing: Neil reported that work on the floors would begin May 23. The gym should be shut down for 4 days.
- Sanctuary Sewer Problem: The fees have been paid and the church is waiting for the city to install the tap.
- Magnolia Parsonage: Sam requested to move some of the furniture and the refrigerator with him. A motion was made and seconded. George reported that just like the parsonage, the original price of the home could not be spent. The original cost was \$16,000.

#### **New Business:**

- Ellen reported that cemetery plots had been donated to the church. There is a transfer fee of \$75 to transfer them to the church. A motion was made and seconded to accept these plots with possible using them for mission work. George will oversee this.
- Neil had obtained estimates for 129 new windows. This includes the sanctuary and the education building. The estimate from Croft Hill Siding was for vinyl windows; \$66,900 and for aluminum windows \$78,000. It was decided to table this issue for now and possibly put it in next year’s budget.

#### **Staff Reports:**

- George reported that we have had an excellent start on the fund raising campaign. Genie Farmer is donating food and work for the brunch. She also donated microphones and screens for the gym. Bob Kosky and Mike Kelly are working on a video.

The meeting was closed in prayer by George Howle.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2006 @7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jones