

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
St. John's UMC
July 10, 2007**

Attendance: Bobby Coker, Dave Buchanan, Jim Minear, Jim Bukovitz, Chuck Grodahl, Kristy Kisner, Tim Perkins, Carolyn Heffner. Staff: Harry Sampson, Nancy Fairgrave. Guest: Diane Miniard.

Bobby Coker opened with prayer.

The minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report:

Harry Sampson reported that 40% of the budget has been spent and we are 50% through the year. The equipment budget is over budget due to the purchase of a new server. It was noted that so far we have spent only 6% of the projects budget

Facility Requests:

Town and Country Club has requested the use of Ward Hall on the 3rd Friday's of each month from 1 to 4 pm for Mahjong. This request was approved with the stipulation that if there is a conflict with a church function that they would have to use a classroom or another facility.

Laurie Ulmer from St. Mary's requested the use of the gym for a basketball tournament all day on March 1, 2008. This was tentatively approved. This date needs to be confirmed on January 1.

Use of Ward Hall has been requested for two or three evenings in September by WRDW, Channel 12 for a Community Service program on Identity Theft. This will be open to church members and the community. It was suggested that one of the evenings could be a Wednesday following church supper. The request was approve.

Catherine Stapleton Nance has requested the use of the choir room for Kidney Benefit rehearsals. This request was approved.

Old Business:

Harry had e-mailed to the Trustees an estimate from Walter Deas for painting the fascia around Ebenezer Center. This was discussed. It was decided that we put this off until the roof is taken care of. Chuck Grodahl stated concern about contractor safety issues and liability insurance. Bobby Coker suggested forming subcommittee composed of himself, Harry Sampson and Chuck Grodahl to set guidelines for contractors.

Diane Miniard presented an offer on the Magnolia Parsonage.

Ebenezer Roof: Rob Braithwaite sent a letter to GAF requesting they pay for the roof repair. He has given a July 17th deadline for their response. He also sent a letter to RW Allen Company. There was a question about who would take care of the flashing.

Harry Sampson reported that the new Windows Server has been installed. There is a firewall and the church is no longer wireless.

New Business:

Harry reported that after a big rain the flat roof was leaking. He has talked to Lloyd roofing who will not charge for repairs if they had repaired the wrong area last time. If it is a new leak it will cost about \$800. The Fellowship Sunday School class also had a leak. Lloyd will repair that for \$700 and put up the fish vane.

Nancy Fairgrave presented a summary of Insurance Coverage. The amount of coverage has increased but our cost will be approximately the same as last year due to the selling of the bus and the potential selling of the Magnolia Parsonage. Last year's cost was \$18,200. Dave Buchanan moved that we accept the changes in coverage and Jim Minear seconded. The motion passed.

Bobby stated that the Trustees need to develop the 2008 budget by August 16.

Redecorating the ladies bathroom in the narthex was discussed. It should be made wheelchair accessible before redecorating. We should also look into making the men's bathroom wheelchair accessible.

Bobby suggested that a subgroup be formed to decide the priority of projects to be funded. A new boiler should be on this list.

Two suggested projects that could pay for themselves with contributions were stained glass windows for the church and a columbarium.

Harry said the chiller needs repair. The cost would be \$1845. It was moved and passed that the repairs be made.

A boy scout from St. John's troop would like to restripe the parking lot for an Eagle Scout project. He will make a presentation to the Trustees.

Harry requested a budget transfer of \$5700 from new projects to George's Pension fund. The fund was under budgeted last year. Harry stated that George's housing allowance was reduced from \$30,000 to \$20,000 last year. The board approved this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 and members went to access the Narthex bathroom needs.

Submitted by Carolyn Heffner