

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
St. John's UMC
August 14, 2007

Attendance: Bobby Coker, David Buchanan, Jim Minear, Kevin Bumpus, Chuck Grodahl, Leland Reynolds, Carolyn Heffner. Staff: Harry Sampson, Gene Aiken, Walter Cantwell. Guests: John Strickland, Matt Morton.

Gene Aiken opened with prayer.

New business:

Gene Aiken presented a proposal for a video system for the gym, sanctuary, and Ward Hall. For a \$5000 design fee Fowler Design Group will come and analyze our needs and give us a plan. We primarily need a plan for a Contemporary Service in the gym. They will also give a plan for needs in Ward Hall and the sanctuary at no extra cost. If we use them as our supplier and contractor the \$5000 will go towards the equipment. Terry had researched and recommended this company to Gene. For the gym we will need two screens, two projectors, and musical equipment. Chuck moved that we talk to other churches that have similar set-ups and see if any local companies can give us a proposal. Leland seconded the motion. Motion passed. To accelerate this process Bobby will get with Gene, Walter, and Harry and send an e-mail within two weeks about information gathered.

John Strickland introduced Life Scout, Matt Morton. Matt presented a proposal to restripe the parking lot for his Eagle Scout Project. The estimated cost would be \$183.44. Matt requested that St. John's pay this cost. Carolyn moved that we support this project, Bobby seconded – motion carried.

Walter Cantwell requested the use of the gym, showers and kitchen for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at USC during the weekend of September 21-23. They are participating in a mission project to repair homes in the Valley. Kevin moved that we do not charge this group. Motion passed. There was discussion whether a church member needs to be present. The college students will be accompanied by numerous pastors. The consensus was that they will be adequate supervisors.

Dave moved that we accept the minutes. Motion passes.

Financial – Harry said we were in good shape overall.

Carolyn had a facility use request for the Aiken Woman's Club to use the gym, kitchen, and dishes for its March 8th Luncheon and Fashion Show. Profits will go to local charities. Jim moved we approve this request. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Magnolia Parsonage: We have a contract pending on the Magnolia Parsonage until November 1 contingent on sale of buyer's house. Buyer has been given first right of refusal.

Ebenezer Center roof project: A tentative agreement has been met with Allen. GAF will supply all shingles, felt and ridge caps. Allen will pay for the labor by Johnson. Hopefully this will fix the leak in the stairwell. This agreement will clear Allen of any further responsibility of shingle roof problems. For quality control it was recommended that we hire an inspector.

Lloyd roofing put up the fish weather vane when they came to repair the roof. They repaired leaks on the flat roof and where the Fellowship Sunday School Class meets. These were both new leaks. Expected cost is about \$1500.

Harry said we have about 50% of the 2007 budget remaining. The 2008 budget will increase by about 5%. He showed us the proposed 2008 budget.

Personnel budget has gone up due to new positions.

Leland suggested that we put a line item for HVAC (boiler) repair in the budget at \$15,000/year. This should accumulate yearly.

The money from selling the bus is currently in a non-budgeted account. This money is to be used for transportation costs this year.

Bobby will get estimates for redoing the narthex bathrooms and making them handicapped accessible.

Trustees were asked to e-mail Harry with projects to be put in the budget. Some of the suggestions were for a Columbarium and an outside door to George's office. Dave suggested that we should have the pew cushions recovered; he will look into the cost. Allen Radcliff is looking into handicapped doors.

The Monday crew is planning to put windows in some of the office doors. This will cost about \$1000. They asked permission to cut holes in the doors. This was approved.

The concrete in the prayer garden needs painting. Suggested color is Methodist Green, not orange.

The work crew is studying a project to pipe in the service to Ward Hall, the kitchen, and nursery.

Carolyn asked about using the van to transport handicapped members. Harry thought this might make a good mission project. He will look into the insurance liability.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Heffner

