

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
St. John's UMC
November 13, 2007

Attendance: Chuck Grodahl, David Buchanan, Jim Minear, Kevin Bumpus, Carolyn Heffner, Leland Reynolds, Jim Bukovitz, Tim Perkins, Bobby Coker, Staff: Harry Sampson, George Howle

Harry opened the meeting with prayer, noting that Bobby would be a bit late.

George asked use to visit the Sanctuary and Chapel with him to study on an overall plan for maintenance and upgrades. Some things looked at were lighting problems, seat cushions, height of kneeling pads, width of choir loft levels, and placement and size of pulpit and lectern. It was decided that a sub-committee of George, Harry, Bobby, and Dave write a scope of work for proposed renovations. It was suggest also that either Catherine Nance or an appointed choir member sit on this committee since making the choir loft safer will be in the scope.

George requested for the month of December that the pulpit be removed to make more room for special programs. Dave moved that we accept this request, Leland seconded – motion passed.

The October minutes were approved.

Financial report: 73.9% of the budget has been used. Harry proposed that we look over our new budget next month.

Facility requests:

Master Gardeners would like to meet in Ward Hall Tuesday, Jan. 8th from 5 to 8.

Aiken County Schools request a room for testing on Nov.2nd from 8 to3.

Jim Eanes with the Hospital Auxiliary requests Ward Hall for April 3rd from 8 to 4.

The Aiken Regional Hospital requests Ward Hall for community outreach programs for Feb. 12, Apr. 22, July 22, and Oct 21 from 6 to 8.

The cub scouts request the youth room and some Sunday school rooms for Belt Loop Day on Feb 2 and the gym on Feb. 9th for the Pinewood Derby.

These requests were all approved with a contingency on resetting the gym after the Pinewood Derby.

Old business:

Discussion of basement sump pump problem. Shorty and Ed Norton have been asked to help replumb the sump.

New business:

Request to buy equipment to enable piping service into Ward Hall and the kitchen. John Mc Mahon estimated the cost of a transmitter to be about \$600.

Request for 4 TV/DVD players in the preschool Sunday school rooms.

Request for door signs for these rooms.

Development of fire escape plan posters in classrooms.

Repair of sprinkler system along side of gym. Johnson, the roofer should fix this since his men broke it.

Recognition of contributing members: Harry suggested we give special recognition to: Diane Miniard for donating her commission for the sale of the parsonage.

Jim Holley for his help as a lawyer in selling the parsonage.

Rob Braithwaite for his help in getting the roofing issue settled.

These requests were approved.

There was discussion on the beautiful renovations of the ladies room in the Narthex. The cabinets may need to be modified to fit a wheelchair at the sinks.

Submitted by Carolyn Heffner