

## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

**St. John's UMC**

**May 13, 2008**

### **Attendance:**

Trustees: Kevin Bumpus, Beth Kelly, Dave Buchanan, Jim Bukovitz, Leland Reynolds, Helen Randall

Staff: Harry Sampson, Allen Radcliffe, Mary Kosky

Visitor: Bob Kosky

### **General Notes:**

Kevin opened with prayer.

The minutes were approved.

### **Financial report:**

We are 1/3 through the year and have used 28.32% of the budget.

### **Facility requests:**

The Scottish Dancers would like to use the gym on Thursday nights. It was approved with two conditions. Church activities such as basketball, Turkey dinner, and apple fest and other special occasions will take precedence. It will be verified that their shoes will not damage the floor.

Bob Kosky requested the gym as well as 4 Sunday school classrooms, the kitchen, and showers for Salkehatchee June 7-14. Salkehatchee will set up the gym for the 9:02 service that week.

Grace Kitchen was scheduled to start in mid June. This will be a breakfast soup kitchen manned by volunteers from the church. They plan to need the kitchen from 7:00- 10:00 am on Saturdays.

Mary Kosky said the kitchen has been reserved for a morning wedding on June 28. It was decided that Grace Kitchen should start in July rather than June so as not to interfere with the wedding reception.

### **Old Business:**

Furniture evaluations: Allen toured all of the offices and commons areas, but not the classrooms. He reported that there were no major furniture issues. The first order of business will be furniture for the new associate pastor. Harry will talk to the pastor about office furniture when he visits. Harry will look through catalogs and come up with an allowance or purchase the furniture. He will report back at the next meeting.

Boiler: Allen reported that the boiler is 48 years old and near the end of its useful life. We have gotten a quote from company. It should pay for itself in a few years through gas savings. It will take 2-3 months to get a new boiler. Leland Suggested we get bids from several companies. Kevin will present the need to the Finance committee.

Mini-bus update: Harry went to Mobile to pick up our bus. It cost \$3500 to fix the wiring harness, but the overhead wiring is still not connected so the AC and rear door do not work. The rear door will open manually. We discussed fixing the bus or trading it. Bob said they need it for Salkehatchee the week of June 7. Harry will try to get it resolved with the company in Columbia that we bought the bus from. He will report back with his findings.

### **New Business:**

Wedding policy:

Mary Kosky presented her draft of the revised wedding policy. Because of the 9:02 service the gym can only be reserved for wedding receptions by members and not non-members. Members will be charged an extra set up fee for the use of the gym. We discussed changing the length of time before a wedding that the church may be reserved by non-members. It is currently 6 months. We discussed changing it to either 9 or 12 months. Mary will polish up the policy and e-mail it to us.

Computer needs: Harry will purchase a computer for the new pastor.

Safe Sanctuary: Bob Kosky and others will write a policy for our church to follow concerning people who work with our children, youth and vulnerable adults. We appointed Beth Kelly to represent the Trustees on the committee.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Because of the June 10 election and other members on vacation, there will be no June meeting. We will conduct business by e-mails concerning the mini-bus, furniture, and wedding policy.

Submitted by Helen Randall