

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
St. John's UMC
August 12, 2008**

Attendance:

Trustees: Kevin Bumpus, Helen Randall, Carolyn Heffner, Dave Buchanan, Leland Reynolds

Staff: Harry Sampson, Alan Radcliffe, Mary Kosky

Kevin opened with prayer.

We discussed the low attendance over the summer; we barely had a quorum again. It was decided that trustees should let someone on the committee, preferably Kevin, know if they can not attend.

The May and July minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Wedding Policy Update

Mary Kosky presented a new fees and charges list. Non-members will be charged \$1500 for the use of the sanctuary and may now reserve the church 12 months in advance. After some clarifications and changes Leland moved to accept the proposed changes. Carolyn 2nd. Motion passed.

Finance:

We are 58% through the year and have spent 46.5% of our budget.

Facility Requests:

Masterworks Chorale has requested to use the sanctuary on December 14th for the Lessons and Carols Concert, with a rehearsal on the 13th. Carolyn moved that we allow this request, Leland 2nd. Motion passed.

There was a request from Gene Aiken to be allowed to paint the youth logo on the wall in the upstairs hall. Helen moved we allow this, Carolyn 2nd. Motion passed.

More Old Business:

Dave reported on the status of the sanctuary concept design. Studio 3 is about 25% finished with the design and should have something by next week.

Alan reported on the boiler replacement bid status. He recommended that we accept the bid from Palmetto Air and Chiller Service. They would be able to have it installed and

ready within 50 days of the signing of a contract. Leland moved that we approve \$31,000 for a new boiler from Palmetto. We would use \$18,000 in the contingency fund and ask finance for \$13,000 for the balance so we don't negatively impact our budget. Motion passed.

New Business:

Harry presented a proposed budget for 2009. After some discussion it was approved.

Open discussion:

Kevin suggested looking at absolutebus.com for a new bus.

Carolyn reported that Doris Hoffman was willing to find people interested in forming a steering committee to study the possibility of building a Columbarium. Some of the trustees felt this should be brought up with George or another committee first. After doing the study, than come present it to the trustees.

Kevin had a request that the sacristy be spruced up. Dave suggested that the Monday crew look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Carolyn Heffner