

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
St John's UMC
September 9, 2008**

Attendance:

Kevin Bumpus, Helen Randal, Carolyn Heffner, Dave Buchanan, Leland Reynolds, Jim Minear, Jim Bukovitz, Beth Kelly

Staff:

Harry Sampson, Allen Radcliffe

Kevin opened with prayer.

The August minutes were approved.

Finance:

Kevin presented the budget to the Finance Committee. The committee was not happy with the 61% increase and has asked that the budget be revisited. Harry presented some alternate budgets and one was agreed on. Finance has invited members of trustees to come to their meeting on Monday, September 15th.

Harry reported that we are 66% through the year and have used 52% of the budget.

Facilities Requests:

Elaine Hillan requested the Youth Room for Aiken Woman's Club meeting on October 20th from 6:30 to 9:30.

Barbara Chase requested a room for the Aiken Newcomers Club to play Canasta on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from noon to 4 pm.

Carolyn Heffner requested the use of the kitchen and gym for the Aiken Woman's Club Luncheon and Fashion show on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 from 10am to 4 pm.

Aiken Regional Medical Center requested Ward Hall for community programs for April 21st, July 21st, and October 20th, 2009.

Leland moved that these all be approved. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Kevin reported that the Finance Committee has agreed to fund the boiler out of the contingency fund. The contract has been signed and the boiler should be installed by the end of October.

Allen reported that the handicap accessible power doors should soon be delivered.

The Monday crew is painting the sacristy.

Dave showed the updated sanctuary concept design.

Harry has asked Doris Hoffman to head up an ad-hoc committee to study the building of a Columbarium.

New Business:

Allen said that there is deterioration of the duct work paint in the gym. He has contacted RW Allen, the contractor, and a paint expert to evaluate the problem.

The Monday crew has been testing the emergency lighting and exit signs. Allen commended the crew for the great job they are doing. Leland suggested that we switch to LED lighting to save on electricity.

A church member requested that it be brought to our attention that the newly renovated woman's bathroom needs a bigger trash can and the soap dispenser is corroding.

There is a need for shelves in the Mother's Morning Out closet.

There has been a request for a walk-in freezer now that the kitchen is getting more use.

Carolyn stated that the doors on Chesterfield Street are heavy and hard to open; Allen will check into this.

Allen stated that we need to look into installing an alarm system and exit signs in the sanctuary. This could be done at the same time as the sanctuary renovations are being done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Carolyn Heffner