



North Haven Congregational Church

Church Council Minutes

Meeting of March 18, 2008

Attending: Jim Bennett (Moderator), Beth Anderson (Trustees), Priscilla Bradford (Clerk), Chris Corcoran (Outreach), Philip DiPeri (Finance, Web-Site), Sandy Lynch (Nominating), Scott Morrow (Senior Pastor), Steve Simonson (Deacons), John Tibor (Treasurer)

Moderator Jim Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:33 and led us in prayer.

Minutes of the February 28 meeting were corrected to read under the Trustees report that the Cooper Fund interest will be given to Building and Grounds. Minutes accepted as printed.

Task review (from February 28 meeting)

1. Building and Grounds to develop costs for the needed projects they have identified and discuss funding of them with the Board of Finance. *Carry forward.*
2. Board of Finance to review Capital repair, maintenance and upgrade projects and determine appropriate costs to coordinate with those identified by Building and Grounds. Adam Sweickert and Martin Benassi to meet. *Carry forward.*
3. Press releases-identify someone to prepare releases for Nancie to send to the media. *Jim will do this.*
4. Identify NHOAH representative. *Carry forward.*

Treasurer's Report: Accepted. John made the following observations: compared to last year pledges and gifts are up \$3000 and the fund raising line is up; expenses are in check except for the office budget (due to a one time expense).

Senior Pastor's Report: Scott reported that Confirmation will be the second Sunday in May. Red paraments are here and some minor touch up will be done. They will be dedicated in May.

Board of Christian Outreach: Chris stated that we have 6 people going to the Sleeping Giant Habitat Build on April 5. There is a fund raiser concert at St. John's on April 26. May 3 is a fund raising walk up Sleeping Giant. Other fund raisers have included dinner at Aunt Chilada's and gift cards from the opening day in Milford of Lowe's. May 4 will be Blanket Sunday. May 2 is a meeting of the Inter-faith Cooperative Ministries. Columbus House donations are on going.

Board of Deacons: Steve reported that the sub-committees of Membership, Fellowship and Worship are formed and ready to meet their goals.

Pastoral Relations Committee: Steve said that they had a quality meeting. They are looking to get data of the members on the relationship between pledging, nominating, age, Sunday attendance, and participation while maintaining confidentiality.

Board of Finance: Phil reported that the Finance Board will sponsor the Build-A-Thon of picnic tables and the Antelope project. They are looking for feedback from the Stewardship Campaign. The Special Projects funds will pay for December hours for the Shepherding Ministry.

Nominating Committee: Sandy made a motion nominating Eleanor Norback for a term on the Board of Deacons ending in 2010. Beth second. Passed.

Web-Site Working Group: Phil moved that the minutes of Council and Congregational meetings be published on the web-site. Minutes would be on the web-site only after they are approved by the Council. Steve second. Approved. Discussion emphasized that use of the web-site is a way to keep the community involved in activities at our church.

Associate Pastor Search Committee: Priscilla reported that three candidates have been interviewed. The reality is that none of the candidates can work 36

hours per week for \$38,000 and afford to live in North Haven. Nor should we ask someone to work for those wages. The committee is meeting to reduce the numbers of hours and the expectations to be more in line with the salary.

New Business: Building picnic tables-flyers available. Phil needs saw horses. He plans to put a DVD on public TV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting on April 15 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Bradford, Church Clerk