



North Haven Congregational Church

Church Council Minutes

Meeting of April 15, 2008

Attending: Jim Bennett (Moderator), Beth Anderson (Trustees), Martin Benassi (Music), Priscilla Bradford (Clerk), Phil DiPeri, (Web-Site), Ed Dudley, (Outreach), Nancy Mahoney (Building and Grounds), Scott Morrow (Senior Pastor), Tim Peiffer (Congregational Rep), Stephen Peterson (Deacons), Betsey Reid (Finance), John Tibor (Treasurer), Visitor: Phil James

Moderator Jim Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:38 and led us in prayer.

Minutes of the March 18 meeting were accepted.

Task review (from March 18 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 repairs, maintenance and upgrade projects and determine appropriate costs to coordinate with those identified by Building and Grounds. Adam Schweickert and Martin Benassi to meet. *Carry forward.*
3. Press releases. *Task accomplished.*
4. Identify NHOAH representative. *Check with nominating.*

Treasurer's Report: Accepted. Pledges and gifts are on target.

Associate Pastor Search Committee: Tim presented the new position description for the associate pastor position. Tim moved that the Council accept the revised document and Betsey seconded. Motion passed. The committee is continuing to interview candidates.

Senior Pastor's Report: Scott reported that there are many activities happening this month: Book Sale,

Picnic Table Build, Universal Health Care in CT information meeting, May 4- dedication of paraments, May 11- Confirmation, May 18-Teacher Appreciation, May 9-Children's Choir Concert. In addition, the Northeast Consociation and the CT Conference Annual Meeting will be held. He will be gone the third week in May for sabbatical, June 17-19 on retreat and June 24-29 with the Youth Mission Trip.

Board of Building and Grounds: Nancy reported that they are looking into something else to put around the bell rope to prevent heat loss that will not be so noisy when the bell is rung. Three bids have been received for roof repair. They range from \$18,670 to \$22,500. Martin will look at the bids with the committee. The committee was also asked to look at the integrity of the south-facing roof. The committee has received a bid of \$6,200 for a study of mechanical, structural, and electrical systems of the church so plans can be made for repairs that will be needed. Members of Building and Grounds, Trustees and Finance will discuss funding of these projects. Beth moved that the parsonage refrigerator be replaced. Betsey seconded. Motion passed. It was suggested that Memorial Gifts be contacted for monies.

Board of Christian Outreach: Ed reported that Blanket Sunday will be held on May 4. The concert for Sleeping Giant Habitat Build will be on April 26 at St John's. More information will be forthcoming on Columbus House and Missionary Work in Turkey.

Board of Deacons: Stephen reported on plans to replace the pew, chapel and pulpit Bibles with the New Revised Standard Version. A donor has come forward. They are updating the membership list. Betsey moved that the May preaching conference

that Scott will attend be included as part of Scott's sabbatical study. Beth seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Finance: Betsey reported that they are thinking about next year's stewardship drive. They will meet with Building and Grounds and Trustees about funding proposed projects.

Board of Trustees: Beth reported that the money to the budget for the second quarter will be paid. The \$500 available from the Guertin-Ferner fund will be forwarded to the Music Committee. Interest from the Cooper Fund will go to the Building and Grounds operating budget and interest money from the Carroll/Dudley fund will go to the Mission Trip. Trustee Committee members will discuss funding projects with Finance and Building and Grounds.

Music Board: Martin expressed a 'thank-you' to Sally Pallatto for publicity for the Pierpont concerts.

The Consociation Choir Festival was held at our church for 90 singers from 6 churches. Thanks to the Women's Fellowship who helped with food. Members of the committee are preparing for next year's Pierpont concerts. Foley Baker is charging \$952 to tune the organ. That is \$102 over what was budgeted. Several children sang in Greenwich. We will host this concert next year. April 27 is contemporary music Sunday.

Website-Working Committee: Phil D. reported that there is a button to the Antelope project and the minutes.

New Business: Phil D. is meeting on May 17 with a person from the UI vendor concerning the Antelope project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next meeting on May 20 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Bradford, Church Clerk