



North Haven Congregational Church

Church Council Minutes

Meeting of May 20, 2008

Attending: Jim Bennett (Moderator), Martin Benassi (Music), Priscilla Bradford (Clerk), Philip DiPeri (Website), Philip James (Building and Grounds), Barbara Marks (Christian Education), Betsey Reid (Finance), Stephen Simonson (Deacons), John Tibor (Treasurer). Quorum not present.

Moderator Jim Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:35 and led us in prayer.

Minutes of the April 15th meeting were reviewed with the following corrections: Deacons Bible(s). Trustees: *Trustee* Committee. Music: *Pallatto*, \$952 not \$102. New Business: Take sentence from Website: *Phil... UI vendor*.

Task review (from April 15 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. Identify NHOAH representative. **Check with nominating.**

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed. Report reflects deposits through May 11 and disbursements to May 16. Fund Raiser line reflects \$4139.10 from the Book Sale and \$1,680. from the sale of picnic tables. Trustees have given second quarter payment, have transferred \$500. from the Guertin-Ferner Fund to the Music Board, \$2,632.74 from the Cooper Fund to Building and Grounds' Board and \$300. from the Carroll-Dudley Fund to the Youth Mission Trip.

Senior Pastor's Report: See attached. Scott is in Minneapolis at a preaching conference this week.

Board of Building and Grounds: Phil James reported that the committee is in the process of finalizing the details of the roof contract. They have chosen Thor Roofing's bid of \$18,676 subject to an additional piece over the sanctuary. They will also check on the integrity of the south roof. CO detectors will be installed near the furnaces. The study of the mechanical, electrical and structural systems is still under review. A new (donated) freezer will replace the one in the kitchen. The toilet in the rest room by the library will be replaced with a low-flow, comfort seat one. The Women's Fellowship will pay for it. They continue to work on projects such as the sidewalk crack.

Board of Christian Education: Another year ended with 19 out of 21 teachers and helpers present for celebration Sunday. Barbara reported that they are looking at new curriculum for next year. The Rotation Curriculum would serve grades 1-6. Teachers teach the same lesson for four weeks with the students rotating with a shepherd.

Board of Deacons: Stephen reported that the Deacons met with the Confirmands and Mentors on May 7 and were impressed by the Confirmands' faith statements and the dedication of the Mentors. They supplied the cake for the teacher appreciation celebration. At their last meeting the Deacons focused on the goal to call new members emphasizing the need to reach out and establish relationships with the people in the pews.

Board of Finance: No report.

Trustees: See Treasurer's report for money transferred to various boards.

Music Board: Martin celebrated the Children's Concert. The event was recorded for local access TV.

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Two guests have been lined up for the Pierpont concerts. They will be put on TV next year. Laura is set for VBS. June 8 is the last Sunday for choir. Martin expressed concern over the Music budget. The cost of tuning instruments and substitute organists is increasing.

Website Working Group: Phil DiPeri reported that the minutes are on the website.

Women's Fellowship: The plant sale went very well so they are giving an extra \$200. to the Youth Mission Trip. This is in addition to the \$400 they have contributed. It has been suggested that a basket be put out during lemonade for people to put the extra produce from their gardens. People who do not have gardens can make a free will offering and enjoy fresh produce. Reminder: No money is collected for lemonade.

Associate Pastor Search Committee: They have approached three candidates for second interviews.

The advertisement to seminaries, CONNTACT, and the national office has been updated to reflect the new job description.

Antelope Project: Phil DiPeri reported that the lighting has been converted to more energy efficient bulbs. Minutes from the April 17 meeting were passed out. See attachment.

Picnic Table Build-a-Thon: The picnic table build-a-thon was a successful fellowship event as people built their tables. The event raised \$1034.03 for the sale of 20 tables. The Youth raised \$100 for their trip by delivering the tables. North Haven Courier is interested in writing an article.

New Business: Minutes and Treasurer's report will need to be approved at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Next meeting on June 17 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Bradford, Church Clerk