



## North Haven Congregational Church

# Church Council Minutes

Meeting of February 23, 2010

### ATTENDING

Carol Amico (Outreach), Beth Anderson (Trustees), Priscilla Bradford (Clerk), Philip DiPeri (Moderator), Care Goodstal-Spinks (Associate Pastor), Scott Morrow (Senior Pastor), Carol Mitchell (Music), Paul Powers (Buildings and Grounds), Adam Schweickert (Finance), Stephen Simonson (Deacons), Kevin Studley (Building and Grounds), John Tibor (Treasurer).

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by the moderator. Scott Morrow led us in prayer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 12, 2010 were corrected as follows: Associate Pastor's Report: Youth advisors have met to plan for the remainder of the program year. Minutes accepted as corrected on a motion made by S. Simonson and seconded by B. Anderson.

### SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Scott reported the following:

- ✓ Skye Gallagher received the Junior Legion of Honor Award at the Four Chaplain's Ceremony.
- ✓ Annual meeting and vote on the Open and Affirming Statement went well.
- ✓ Scott is making an effort to reach out to members who are concerned about the vote.
- ✓ Abraham's Tent happened without a hitch. Scott felt it impacted our community and was a welcoming experience. He is grateful to all the volunteers.
- ✓ Davida Foy Crabtree, Connecticut Conference Minister, will retire in May.
- ✓ Hamden-North Haven Elks will honor Scott as citizen of the community on February 27.

- ✓ A fire alarm went off during church on Sunday, February 21.
- ✓ Scout Sunday will be observed on February 28.

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Care reported the following:

- ✓ Adult Education session on February 21st facilitated by Adam Schweickert, Beth Anderson, Doris Ferner and Care was attended by 23 people. It was a lively session.
- ✓ Church School teachers like the curriculum. The next Festival Day will be May 16.
- ✓ The 4 year old-2nd grade class raised \$186.25 at their bake sale to support Haiti relief. The Junior and Senior High students will hold a bake sale this Sunday for Haiti.
- ✓ The Youth Groups hosted the youth from First Baptist Church of Wallingford for chair soccer.
- ✓ The Pancake Supper fund raiser for the Youth Mission Trip, lead by Sally, Tony and Mary Pallotto, was well attended. With additional money from the Ash Wednesday soup sale and raffle ticket sale the profit realized was \$1500.
- ✓ Care met with Sue Beth Collins and Michelle from St. John's about Vacation Bible School.
- ✓ Care felt the Ash Wednesday service was intimate and meaningful.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

John noted that the report is current through today in receipts and expenditures. The \$2,389.92 expense for Building and Grounds reflects a \$2,236 expense for the elevator maintenance contract which will be reimbursed by the Trustees from the Cooper Fund. Suggestion was made to change the name of the Contingency line under income on the budget report

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to Trustee Transfer. Report accepted on a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by S. Simonson.

### MODERATOR'S REPORT

Philip is looking for members for committees to plan for the 300th anniversary celebration and to hold a capital campaign. He also would like to form an exploratory committee to research alternative church governing structures and look at our by-laws in light of changes that might occur. Members of the Council are asked to bring ideas for fund-raisers next month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ Categorization of Expenses: Trustees and the treasurer should look at the contracts the church holds and determine which ones the Trustees' funds might be able to help with.
- ✓ Where are the Council Self-Evaluation forms that were completed?
- ✓ How can we get more members involved in serving coffee hour?

### NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ B. Anderson moved and J. Tibor seconded a motion that Onalee Collins be nominated for a term ending in 2011 on the Board of Deacons and Cathy Welch be nominated for a term ending in 2012 on the same board. Motion approved.
- ✓ Fire Safety: The following rules will be in practice until the newly formed Safety Committee reports on their suggestions.
  - When the alarm sounds, everyone leaves the building.
  - If the children are in the sanctuary, they should return to their parents and leave.
  - Children on the way out of the sanctuary should continue to the nearest door with the adult in charge.
  - If the children are in the classrooms, they will follow the established route to exit the building.

The committee members will be Carol Amico, Adam Schweickert and Paul Powers. The above

information was approved on a motion by A. Schweickert and seconded by K. Studley.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Deacons

Steve reported that the Deacons have been tracking attendance for the last few years. He also noted a study that encourages lay leadership to support their pastors in prayer.

#### Christian Outreach

Carol Amico reported that the Sleeping Giant Build house on Edgecomb Street will be dedicated on February 27. Chris Corcoran is coordinating CPR training classes. Abraham's Tent was a great event. Equal Exchange Products will be available once or twice a month. Covenant to Care has assigned us a new social worker. A time in March will be picked to covenant with the new social worker. Ruth Dudley is retiring as our coordinator and Sue Tibor will become the new coordinator. A way to honor Ruth for her years of service is being explored.

#### Finance

Adam is the new chair. He reported that the board is looking at ways to deal with the \$29,400 budget deficit.

#### Music

Carol Mitchell reported that the coffeehouse format for the last Pierpont Concert was well received. The next concert is May 1 with the group HOE. Anne Lee has requested that the organ bench be adjusted. This is being investigated.

#### Trustees

Beth reported that the board has received a request to fund the elevator maintenance contract from Building and Grounds. Money will come from the Cooper Fund. They have received a request from the Music Board to fund purchasing music from the Guertin/Ferner Fund. The first quarter of the Trustee Transfer will be done shortly.

### ADJOURNMENT

Next Council meeting is March 16 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Bradford, Clerk