



North Haven Congregational Church

Church Council Minutes

Meeting of March 16, 2010

ATTENDING

Beth Anderson (Trustees), Jim Bennett (Deacons), Priscilla Bradford (Clerk), Christopher Corcoran (Outreach), Philip DiPeri (Moderator), Care Goodstal-Spinks (Associate Pastor), Ellie Harple (Women's Fellowship), Phil James (Building and Grounds), Scott Morrow (Senior Pastor), Carol Mitchell (Music), Mabel Peterson (Nominating), Stephen Peterson (Christian Education), Kevin Studley (Building and Grounds), John Tibor (Treasurer).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by the moderator. Ellie Harple led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 23, 2010 were accepted on a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by E. Harple.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Scott reported the following:

- Abraham's Tent: There have been two follow-up meetings. April 7 is a dinner for all who helped.
- Good Friday service might be at NHCC.
- Committee is meeting to discuss the fire alarm policy. There will be a fire drill in the spring.
- Office will be closed the day after Easter.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Care reported the following:

- The older students raised \$216.50 for Haiti at their bake sale. So far the youth have raised \$400 for this cause.
- Youth Group ski trip was cancelled due to bad weather.

- Youth Groups are exploring overnight outing ideas.
- Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School
- Adult education series on welcoming was successful.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John noted that under income the contingency line name has been changed to trustees transfer. The fund-raisers line reflects \$150 tithe from the pancake supper. In the expenses lines, the elevator maintenance contract was reimbursed from interest from the Cooper Fund. The non-budgeted line of Outreach monies will be split to indicate its use. Report accepted on a motion by S. Peterson and seconded by J. Bennett.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Philip showed ideas for fund-raisers: silhouettes, auction and flower sale.

OLD BUSINESS

Philip is looking for members for four steering committees: tri-centennial celebration, capital campaign, by-laws review, governance development. Commitments needed next month.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Peterson of the Nominating Committee moved that the members of the Council approve the nomination of Priscilla Bradford to the Ushers and Greeters Committee for the term ending in 2013. Motion seconded by B. Anderson. Passed. The clerk was asked to send the minutes of the Annual Meeting to members of the Council for review. They will be voted on at the next Annual Meeting. Care raised the question of a planning session for the Council. June 12 was chosen as the date.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS**Building and Grounds**

Kevin reported that Don Geissler will service the CO2 alarms and emergency lights. An outside contractor will do the fire extinguishers. A new conduit is needed for the wires for the steeple and sign lights. A hand dryer will be purchased for the ladies' room. The sewer blockage has been fixed. A new utility pole has been installed by the UI at the parsonage. The committee is exploring the purchase of an on demand hot water heater. Since there is no place to store the donated lawnmower and no way to transport it to the parsonage, it will be sold and a contractor will be hired to do the landscaping. A clean-up day has been scheduled for March 27 from 9:00 am to noon. Phil James added that shingles have blown off the sanctuary roof, the back side of the steeple is dirty, the sanctuary steps are cracked and a repair is needed under the bow window. New Haven Fire Extinguishers will service the extinguishers for \$250. A different provider for elevator maintenance is being sought. A bill has been received from the plumber to fix the zone control valve on the furnace.

Deacons

Jim reminded everyone of the special services during Holy Week. Deacons open their meeting with a Bible study. They are calling people on the prayer list. The name tag project will be launched soon.

Christian Education

Steve said that May 16 will be Teacher Appreciation Day. The committee is reviewing and evaluating the curriculum used this year. They are looking into developing a core curriculum and will have a retreat to work on it.

Christian Outreach

Chris reported that the food taken to DESK has run out for the last two times. This issue is being addressed. Blanket Sunday will be May 9. CPR class will be offered on March 21. Under the Covenant to Care program, we have been assigned a new social worker. She will be introduced at a Sunday service and Ruth Dudley will be honored at that time for her years of service to this program. Sleeping Giant Build house will be dedicated on March 27. ICM is looking for ways to invigorate interfaith happenings.

Music

Carol reminded us that the Pierpont Concert is May 1. Anne Lee is meeting with Steve Simonson to go over her goals. Joe Burr is working on adjusting the bench. Children's Choir will sing at 9:00 am on Easter. Permission granted to put an ad for choir members in the local papers.

Women's Fellowship

Ellie said that a plant sale will be held on Mother's Day (May 9). Easter baskets have been assembled for the social worker. The tag sale is June 5.

Nominating

Mabel announced that Jeremy Harlan has resigned from the Finance Board because he is moving out of state.

Pastoral Relations

Mabel reported that the committee is meeting monthly prior to the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Council meeting is April 20 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Bradford, Clerk