

North Haven Congregational Church
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 8, 2008

Attending: Philip DiPeri, Phil James, Steve Peterson, Betsey Reid and Scott Morrow.

Absent: Adam Schweickert and John Tibor

Betsey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes (revised version) of the December 17th meeting were approved as written. Steve made the motion, seconded by Philip.

Treasurer's Report

John was on vacation but he had left a report thought the end of 2007 and recommended some transfers. The net income over expenses showed a surplus of \$16,218.

Steve made a motion, seconded by Philip to approve the Treasurer's Report and the associated transfers with the exception of the \$180. Deacons transfer if it has been encumbered for other reasons. Motion approved.

Minister's Report

- He has registered for his 2nd Sabbatical Session which will be in late February. Steve will preach a series of 4 sermons over the next few weeks.
- There will be a Stewardship Workshop in Worcester, Mass. on April 4 and 5, 2008. Can anyone go on these dates? Scott and Steve cannot.
- We might try to get an Assistant Treasurer to do the payroll work for 2008. John Tibor will continue to do the 2008 general bookkeeping. A payroll person might cost up to \$60.00 plus per month.

Recording Secretary Report

- Jody's report was not available for this meeting but Phil felt the collection rate for 2007 stood at about 92-93% through the end of the year. This percentage will increase as past due pledges are paid during the early months of 2008.
- As for the 2008 pledge campaign, we have \$171,000 in pledges as of 1/7/2008 with \$23,900 in 2007 pledges not renewed as of 1/7/08.

Council Report

No council minutes available as of this meeting.

Old Business

- **Status M2M 2008 Campaign:** There are still 5 Blue packets out in the neighborhoods. We have received 13 back. The 40 or so members who have not renewed their 2007 pledges will be contacted by phone. Hopefully this campaign will be concluded by early February.
- **2008 Budget:** We fine-tuned our last iteration and arrived at a balanced budget of \$254,569. Some adjustments will probably be made prior to the Council approval. This will be presented at the next Council meeting on January 15th. If approved, this version will be presented at the Annual Church Meeting on the 27th.

- NEXTEL - Status Of Negotiations: Phil noted we have not heard from Nextel on our \$16,000 claim for damages due to the lightning/power surge problem in June. They have asked for our permission to do some engineering and feasibility work on installing a second antenna set in our steeple. We will probably approve this request but no construction will be allowed to start until our claim is satisfactory settled.

New Business

1. Applause: Betsey thanked Phil James for his six years service on the Board.
2. Membership: Betsey asked if we knew any members who would like to serve on the Board.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. with new members.

We may have to meet after the January 15th council Meeting if changes are made to our current version of the 2008 budget.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Steve, seconded by Philip DiPeri.

Philip James, Secretary