

North Haven Congregational Church  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**February 12, 2008**

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**Attending:** Betsey Reid, chair; Philip DiPeri, Adam Schweickert, Steve Peterson, John Tibor, Scott Morrow, Philip James

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm and Mr. Morrow offered a prayer, remembering especially the Foley family and John Tibor.

**Minutes:** On motion by S. Peterson, the minutes of the January 8, 2008 were approved.

**Election of Officers:** On motion by P. DiPeri, Betsey Reid was elected chair and Steve Peterson was elected secretary.

**Treasurer's Report**

J. Tibor submitted the Treasurer's report as of February 12. He noted that two payments of \$1,864 have been received from Nextel. He also called attention to a credit in the Board of Deacon's line. Board agreed that a line representing the replacement reserve needs to be added to the report. On motion of P. DiPeri, the report was received as submitted.

**Minister's Report**

- Mr. Morrow reported that a donor has come forward to replace the pew Bibles, although to undertake this project thoroughly, additional monies from the Memorial Gifts Fund may be necessary. He will work with Deacons on this project.
- He asked that any member feed-back from the stewardship campaign be reported through him to the Board of Deacons in that the Deacons will be working on membership issues in the next few months.
- Mr. Morrow reminded the Board of the need for a comprehensive capital needs assessment plan. Board agreed to discuss under Old Business.
- The photocopier lease expires in September and replacement/upgrade plans will need to be made well before that time. A. Schweickert agreed to coordinate this effort with the Board's June meeting being the target date for a decision.

**Recording Secretary Report**

- P. James reported that, although the 2008 budget indicates we need to secure some \$1,500 in 2007 past due pledges, in reality there is some \$10,700 that is still outstanding. Of this, realistically, we may receive ca. \$3,000. B. Reid agreed to write a follow-up note to these pledging units.
- We have some 20 fewer pledges for 2008 than we had in 2007. The 164 pledges in hand total \$180,028 which is some \$13,500 less than budgeted in the Pledges and Gifts line. Some people who have not made pledges are contributing and others may eventually pledge.
- Although his term of service has ended, Mr. James offered to continue to help the Board as appropriate. The Board gratefully accepted this offer.

**Council Report**

A quorum was not present for the January Council meeting; hence its one essential item of business--approving the proposed budget for presentation to the Congregational Meeting--was conducted by telephone vote.

**Old Business**

- Board agreed with B. Reid's suggestion that a follow-up evaluation of the M2M campaign be done using the survey form Betsey presented.
- On motion of P. DiPeri, Board agreed to ask Martin Benassi to prepare a preventative maintenance plan for the church. Among other matters this plan will address energy conservation and generation issues.
- The need to launch a capital campaign included both local needs and the Connecticut Conference "Now for the Future" initiative. Timing is crucial so that a capital campaign not interfere with our annual stewardship campaign. S. Peterson offered to receive suggestions for items and cost estimates from Board members and he will prepare a rough outline of the scope and size of a possible campaign.
- The Board was reminded of the need for additional members. We should suggest possible candidate to B. Reid who will discuss them with the Nominating Committee.

**New Business**

- P. DiPeri presented two documents, one announcing the Fellowship "Build-A-Thon" and the other outlining the Antelope Project. The Board endorsed both projects and, in particular, suggestions about the Antelope Project should be forwarded to Phil ASAP.
- On motion of P. DiPeri, second by A. Schweickert, the Board approved the Senior Minister's housing allowance for 2008 at \$1,400/month.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Board will be on March 4, at 6:00pm. **Please note change from regular date.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Steve Peterson, Secretary