

North Haven Congregational Church
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2008

Attending: Betsey Reid, chair; Adam Schweickert, Philip DiPeri, John Tibor, and Scott Morrow

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:21pm.

Minutes: The February 12, 2008 minutes were approved on A. Schweickert's motion (2nd by P. DiPeri).

Treasurer's Report

J. Tibor submitted the Treasurer's report as of March 4, 2008. He noted that we had met our Past Due Pledge collection budget goal, and that Council had decided to apply \$1,220 of the Poinsettia Fund toward the Adult Mission Trip (see below). The report was received as submitted on A. Schweickert's motion (2nd by P. DiPeri).

Minister's Report

- S. Morrow identified the Spirituality & Stewardship Conference on April 4-5, 2008 for anyone interested in attending.
- He reported on the submission and payment of a staff member's December 2007 time sheets.
- Regarding Contemporary Worship Service, he asked whether a Special Project related to this concept could start late in 2008 and go into 2009 -- this question was pended to a meeting with the full Finance Board in attendance.

Recording Secretary Report:

- 2007: 95.4% of pledges collected -- 49 Pledging Units ("PUs") have not paid their pledge in full -- B. Reid will send a follow-up note to those PUs by March 6, 2008.
- 2008: \$181,000 pledged -- 25 2007 PUs have not pledged for 2008 -- B. Reid will send a follow-up note to those PUs by March 6, 2008.

February Council Report

P. DiPeri reported the above-noted decision regarding the Poinsettia Fund and his:

- Proposal that Council minutes go on-line (to be voted on at the April 15, 2008 Council meeting);
- Request for volunteers to run the Capital Campaign;
- Report regarding the Finance Board's endorsement of the Build-A-Thon (see Old Business below) and Antelope projects (see Old Business below) -- the Buildings & Grounds Committee will appoint a liaison to the Antelope project.

Old Business

- Schedule for Counting with Sunday Collectors: B. Reid handed out update.
- MTM 2008 Campaign: B. Reid and S. Morrow are working on the follow-up letter to the congregation, and B. Reid is looking for Guides to respond to the follow-up questionnaire.

- Preventive Maintenance and Capital Needs Plan: B. Reid addressed our need with M. Bennassi, who is to respond with a quote for a preventive maintenance plan (including contact with the engineers to be involved).
- Open Positions on Finance Board: B. Reid reported that we are still in need of two (2) members.
- Build-A-Thon (picnic table fundraiser): P. DiPeri discussed his plans for a pre-build/process validation, marketing, and anticipated price.
- Antelope Project (solar energy project): P. DiPeri identified cost as approximately \$30,000 --S. Morrow and B. Reid to check on getting a CPA to answer after (15 April 2008) questions regarding possible transfer of the federal energy credit, depreciation, and/or any other tax incentives to donors.
- Sleeping Giant Build: April 5, 2008.

New Business

- Building a Church Endowment Seminar and/or Personal Finance Seminar: A. Schweickert will follow-up with Tim Crowley, Esq. and his references regarding his running and/or participating in these seminars (1-2 years ago he presented at a Personal Finance seminar at NHCC).

Next Meeting: April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. (please note the date change)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Adam Schweickert, Member and Secretary-for-the-Meeting