



North Haven Congregational Church

Board of Finance Minutes

Meeting of May 5, 2009

ATTENDING

Betsey Reid, Ray Geissler, Sally Pallatto, Adam Schweickert Steve Peterson John Tibor - Treasurer, Phillip DiPeri, Scott Morrow

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by chairperson Betsey Reid. Opening prayer was offered by Steve Peterson.

MINUTES

On motion by Sally and second by Ray, the minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Scott briefly discussed the budget letter distributed by the Conference Minister. The staff reduction, effectively, will bring the regional minister staffing back to the level of several years ago. The implication of this is that most of the time of the regional ministers will be devoted to churches seeking call leadership and churches involved in some difficulty.

Scott indicated that he would like North Haven Church to extend invitations to visit and consult with us to two of the Associate Conference Ministers, one with the youth and young adult ministries portfolio and the other with the stewardship portfolio.

Recording Secretary Report: Betsey reported that, at the date of the meeting, some \$173,099 had been pledged in basic support and another \$15,487 had been pledged in the Step-Up campaign. The net result of all pledging is that a shortfall of approximately \$11,000 in pledged income.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John presented his written report reflecting disbursement as of May 3rd, but not the income of Sunday, May 3rd. He reported that restricted funds

for Christmas and Easter Music would be combined thus showing a positive balance for these two special occasions.

The roofing project expenses are on the order of \$22,000 of which an initial payment of \$7,500 has been made.

There was a question about the organ repair fund. It is not an endowed fund, but represents an unspent balance from a previous gift. This balance will be applied to future repair needs.

APRIL COUNCIL REPORT

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the fire inspection report noted two items requiring immediate attention plus some additional concerns that re less urgent.

Council decided to hold the excess insurance settlement funds in a contingency reserve pending the discovery of further damage or loss.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Sally reported that the Music search committee has received several applications and the committee is actively interested in at least two of these people. Preliminary interviews are beginning promptly.

The Board decided to continue to report the progress on the Step-Up campaign in the Window and, as appropriate, at Sunday services.

A joint meeting of the Finance Board and the Buildings and Grounds Committee to review the Maintenance and Capital Needs Plan will be scheduled when the current roofing project is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a lengthy discussion about possible new member development projects. One of the core issues is whether the special projects money for 2010

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should be earmarked by the Board for a single and more comprehensive program initiated by the Board itself.

The matter will be raised with the Council and then discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

The Board was reminded that it is expected to host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Betsey will consult with Tim Peiffer about possible dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 2nd (Note Change) at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Peterson, Secretary