



North Haven Congregational Church

# Board of Finance Minutes

Meeting of June 2, 2009

## ATTENDING

Ray Geissler, Sally Pallatto, Steve Peterson, Betsey Reid, Andrew Schweickert, John Tibor, Scott Morrow, Philip DiPeri

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

## MINUTES

On motion by Sally, and second by Ray, the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

On motion by Sally, second by Steve, the minutes of the May 5, 2009 were approved as corrected.

## MINISTER'S REPORT

The confirmation class next year will be between four and eight young people, with the actual number being closer to four.

A larger than usual number of weddings will provide rather more rental income than might have been anticipated.

There have been some unscheduled repairs to the parsonage.

Scott recommends that a task force with members from several Boards be formed to pursue the "welcoming and new members" initiative.

### Vacation schedule:

- Nancie to be on vacation July 24 – August 4.
- Scott to be on vacation August 1-8.
- Care to be on vacation August 2-24, she will, however, lead the service on August 2.

A planning retreat involving staff and lay leadership is scheduled tentatively for August 29.

Scott agreed with Board comments about the need for a more accurate online version of the church calendar.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

John distributed his written report reflecting expenses through May 29, but not the income from Sunday, May 31.

- Receipts seem to be running slightly ahead of experience in recent past years.
- The \$75 showing in Memorial gifts will be transferred to the Cooper Fund.
- The negative balance of \$1500 in Roof Repair reflects a shortage in the budget provision, not a cost overrun. John expects that this amount will be covered by equal payment from the Trustee and the Replacement Reserve.
- The positive balance in the Lilies Special Offering will be given to One Great Hour of Sharing.
- A partial payment to the Connecticut Conference Basic Support will be made.
- The budget will continue to register "pledges" and "gifts" in the same line due to the fact that actual gifts represent a very small number (less than 1%) of this income line.
- John will remind Jody that the member pledge statement scheduled for May needs to be mailed.

### Storm damage reconciliation

- Nextel has paid our claim in the amount of \$4,800 and our insurance carrier has paid a claim of \$4,804.
- Monies for equipment damages and loses that were replaced by the operating budget in previous fiscal years, will be considered cash forward. As such, these funds will increase the

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balance forward line in the operating budget and decrease the anticipated budget shortfall.

- The Council decided that remaining insurance claim monies will be held against any storm-related expenses that may yet become apparent.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

None

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### **Music Search**

Sally reported that the Music search committee has invited two candidates back for a second interview, which will include an audition with the senior choir.

#### **Step-Up campaign**

Sally will prepare a poster for display during the summer months.

#### **Capital Needs Survey**

Betsey will attend a yet-to-be scheduled joint meeting with the Buildings and Grounds Committee

to review the Benassi report on building maintenance and capital needs.

#### **New Member Project**

Adam presented an outline of a project he and Julie are planning to submit and lead. The plan includes identifiable goals, specific components and tasks, and personnel assignments. The Board was much in favor of this plan and will discuss it further at a subsequent meeting. In the meantime, other preparation steps will be taken.

Sally will distribute electronically a copy of a church brochure which she prepared in 2003.

Steve offered to work out a visitor follow-up action tree.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 pm, place TBD. Note this is a return to the second Tuesday of the month.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Peterson, Secretary