



North Haven Congregational Church

Board of Finance Minutes

Meeting of August 16, 2009

ATTENDING

Betsey Reid, Sally Pallatto, Ray Geissler, John Tibor (Treasurer), Philip DiPeri (Moderator) and the Rev Scott Morrow

Absent: Adam Schweickert, Steve Peterson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:35 and the Pastor prayed for grace for the work of the Board.

MINUTES

The minutes of July 14th and June 2nd will be approved at the next meeting.

SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT

New Music Director Anne Lee to start on 8/23; will observe service on 8/16. She teaches at the Suzuki School on Woodbridge CT, She is jumping right in!

Stewart is stuck in Cape Cod, trying to fix his car.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Betsey noted that no update from Jody or reports to members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Buildings and Grounds will certainly go over their budget; Trustees will provide funds to \$1,800 to cover elevator contract for 2 years to help with out budget shortfall.

New insurance bill should come in within the next two weeks; UCC –IB doing well, trying to save us money and our bill may be less? for next year. Office budget is also doing very well.

AT&T billed twice for phone contract we will be receiving credit for over-payment.

There is a request from Buildings and Grounds to redo South Side Sanctuary windows; new caulk and paint is needed as they are in disrepair. There is a

quote of \$1,600 to be paid from Replacement Reserve account. Ray G motioned to approve the expenditure and Sally P. seconded. Voted by committee to approve request from B&G.

Scott questioned what \$711.00 left in Christmas fund will be used for. John said it can be used to offset Easter Music or used for next Christmas.

Vacation Bible School. 50 Children in program, tie-dying on the lawn today!

Nextel balance is \$29,430. \$5,922 has been expended this year. Roof and stair project done and paid for, and 10 % will be transferred each to Trustees and Outreach. 100% of what Outreach will receive goes out to support the community.

Betsey want to add two lines for Special Projects and Replacement Reserve Fund.

JUNE COUNCIL REPORT

Finance Board will not be a clearing house for requests for funds as discussed at last Finance meeting. It was decided to continue as we have done with understanding that people/committees will keep Council and finance informed of monies needed for unusual, non-budgeted projects. All projects should go through Council for approval.

Estimate of \$6,400 given to replace the outside sign, but no source of funds yet available!

There are a few remaining items the need to be completed from what Fire Marshal inspection revealed: (1) Stove and vent, needs updating. Vent hood too small; (2) Steps are done; (3) Move items away from back stairwell (still needs to be done). Town will be restriping parking lot

Deacons brought up the need to take attendance on Sundays

Music Board has Pierpont Concerts almost set for next year, final details to be made.

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Covenant of membership document will be discussed at 9 Q&A sessions and an Adult Education program in preparation for Annual Meeting vote.

Associate Moderator Position proposed for consideration and will be taken to Council before vote by Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Music Search committee—Anne Lee accepted position, starts 8/23

NO difference in Special Step-Up Appeal

Steve Simonson's Special Project Photos going forward.

Betsey received a special new member's packet on her home front door from Pond Hill Baptist Church; it had various pamphlets, a pen, post card in a small bag. It was left on her home doorknob. She thought was a neat marketing idea and maybe we could be something similar as it is a passive way to get our Church information out there.

Betsey has not met with Martin and Building and grounds yet as follow up to inspection

Stewardship of Faith campaign for this fall "Being Fed—Sharing our Loaves" and "Speaking from Faith". We will have four speakers on four different

Sundays. John Tibor agreed to be one. Ideas of people to speak: Tim Pieffer. Martha Butterworth, and possible a member from UCC staff. Scott thinks it would be a good idea to state our goals for members and what levels of giving we need. Maybe we need to tell our new members what they are looking for in their expectations of giving, There will still be the 2 letters and a follow up.

Scott and Care will lead Calendar meeting 8/29 from 9 am to 1 pm, Please let Church office know if you will be able to attend. All chairs and members of committees are asked to participate.

Installation Service for Care here November 8 4pm

Betsey will be away 9/3–22, will not be here for Finance meeting or for council

Sally to run committee meeting on September 8th, another member needs to attend Council.

Side note: John Tibor would be happy to cut lawn to help save money for B&G. Due to his retirement he would be willing to do this to help with his contribution to the church—B&G to bring forward, May need to buy tractor, check with area vendors/retailed to get discounts?

Next meeting Tuesday 9/8/09 6:30 pm, Heath Room

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Pallatto, Secretary *Pro Temp*