



**North Haven Congregational Church**

# Board of Finance Minutes

**Meeting of October 6, 2009**

## **ATTENDING**

Ray Geissler, Sally Pallatto, Adam Schweickert, Steve Peterson, Betsey Reid, John Tibor

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM. Steve offered opening Prayer.

## **MINUTES**

No Action.

## **MINISTER'S REPORT**

No Report.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Trustee Income fully received.

Basic Support, per capita assessment, and Consociation fees are paid in full.

Utilities costs appear to be on track for the year. However, the Sewer Use assessments have increased noticeably.

Building Use income received a \$3,500 donation from the Food Closet.

Although the budget shows \$199,629 in anticipated income from Pledges and Gifts, the actual amount pledged was \$190,500, not including an unusual gift of \$1,000 from the Women's Fellowship. Pledge receipts appear to be tracking the fiscal year closely.

On motion by Adam, seconded by Sally, the report was received. The Board expressed appreciation to John for the separate summary report on the Sprint/Nextel Account.

## **RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT**

The September pledge statements have not been run or mailed.

The fifteen-year analysis of actual and budget activity was reviewed with interest, as was the five-year pledging analysis.

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

Buildings and Grounds Committee is seeking bids for replacement windows for the Heath Room and adjoining offices.

The Music Committee will be proposing to use the Organ Fund to purchase four additional stops for the organ.

There was brief mention of using the 300th anniversary of the gathering of North Haven Church as an occasion for a special financial campaign.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Stewardship Campaign schedule was distributed and confirmed.

The current working budget for 2010 shows expenses totaling \$269,514, but formal budget requests have not been received from all Boards.

The Board agreed to adjust the compensation budget by 2%.

Using 2009 income budgets for sources other than Pledges and Gifts, the expenses budget will require some \$217,400 in Pledges and Gifts income. This is a 14% increase over the \$190,500 pledged for 2009.

Board decided to send two versions of the first campaign mailing; one letter for the 185/6 members who are not currently pledging, and the other to the active pledging members. A table of pledge activity showing the number of pledging units in several donation categories will be used in both letters. In addition, the narrative budget and the "How Our Church is Different from Other Charities" will be distributed to all members.

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John Tibor, Tim Pfeiffer, and Scott Morrow are scheduled speakers. One more person will be enlisted.

Sally will prepare poster budgets for the Coffee Hour presentations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board endorsed the proposal to provide overflow shelter accommodation in cooperation with Columbus House.

The Board is inclined at this point to earmark Special Project funds for the Welcoming initiative, even though the details of this initiative are still being established.

Steve Peterson will serve as chair *pro temp*, for the November meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: November 10, 2009; 6:30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Peterson, Secretary