



## North Haven Congregational Church

# Board of Finance Minutes

Meeting of December 8, 2009

### ATTENDING

Betsey Reid, Adam Schweickert, Steve Peterson, John Tibor, Philip DiPeri, Scott Morrow

### CALL TO ORDER

Betsey called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM. Scott offered opening prayer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Adam, and second by Betsey, the minutes of November 10th were approved.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

Three new members were welcomed on Sunday, Dec. 6th and were given pledge cards for 2010.

Scott mentioned several members who are quite ill and reported that the memorial service for Billie Wood would be on Wednesday, Dec. 9th.

Board members were asked to register their intended vote on the "Covenant of Church Membership" which will be taken at the Annual Meeting in January.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The distributed report reflects disbursement activity through December 8, but not monies received on Sunday, December 6th.

Insurance and Worker's Compensation payments of ca. \$2,900 will be made before the end of the month, leaving a balance in these lines of ca. \$500.

The Dec. 1st Nextel payment is not reflected in that account, but all other activity in the Sprint/Nextel account is up to date.

The Food Closet account is actually managed in a CD which has limits on the number of checks that can be cleared in a given month. Because November and December are months of unusual activity, John is paying Food Closet bills from the church operating

budget and than making one clearing transfer from the CD account. The Board agreed that this was a prudent course of action. John clarified the fact that North Haven Church actually is the fiscal agent on behalf of the Food Closet which is sponsored, and funded, by several organizations and churches. We also provide the physical space for the Closet.

Overall, John expects the year to end very close to balance.

The Board received the Treasurer's report with appreciation.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

As of Nov. 15th, 83% of the 2009 pledged income has been received.

As with past years, we should again expect a 4-5% underpayment.

As of Dec. 8th, 76 pledges for 2010 have been received for a pledge total of \$126,643 (58% of our goal of \$217,000). 42% of the pledging units have increased their pledges for next year.

### COUNCIL REPORT

85 Thanksgiving food boxes were delivered to North Haven residents (up from 74 boxes last year).

Council expressed some concern about the format of the pledge reports. There was an extended discussion by the Board. Board members felt that reports should show check numbers, date of offering, and, at a minimum, should separate pledge income from gifts to other funds. The Board will invite Jody to a future meeting to discuss the flow of information and the available (e.g. pledges, gifts, etc.) reports. In the meantime, Philip will look into the report features of the Servant Keeper software.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

The Stewardship follow-up letter was reviewed and the letter, with a second pledge card, will be ready for mailing later this week.

**Special Projects**

- Philip presented a project entitled “Visitor Development Program” with a one-year budget of \$1,860. This project also has the support of the Board of Deacons. There was some discussion about ways to personalize the “ticket” facet of the project.
- Betsey presented a proposal entitled “Sunday Webcast” which would stream our Sunday (or other) services and/or provide video-audio clips on the Church’s webpage. Board members were enthusiastic about the several possibilities offered by this project. Board members wanted to make

sure that high quality equipment would be purchased. The other question was about our present internet bandwidth and whether or not it needed to be upgraded.

Adam moved that the Board approve and recommend to the Church Council funding for both projects. Specifically that all three of the facets of the VDP be implemented with a budget of \$1,860 and that the Webcast project be funded at a minimum level of \$500 with the understanding that more money might be needed for a high-end camera.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no New Business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th, at 6:30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Peterson, Recorder