



## North Haven Congregational Church

# Board of Finance Minutes

Meeting of February 9, 2010

### ATTENDING

Betsey Reid, Sally Pallatto, Adam Schweickert, Carla Taymans, John Tibor, Philip DiPeri, Scott Morrow

### CALL TO ORDER

Betsey called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and led us in opening prayer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Adam, and second by Sally, the minutes of January 5th were approved, with two minor changes—under Treasurer report, under second item, change Restricted funds to Non-Budgeted funds, and under recording secretaries report second item add \$ before \$156,366.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

- ✓ Scott told us of a thank you note received from the Conference (from Davida Crabtree,) thanking NHCC for our financial support for wider Mission (OCWM)
- ✓ Conference reported that as of 2/4/10 UCC members had given \$122,800 for recovery relief efforts in Haiti.
- ✓ There were questions raised about UCC conference staffing levels—they are down, two regional staff personnel left and two part-time were hired, leaving fewer regional ministers to care for larger areas.
- ✓ The Open and Affirming vote has caused some of our members to rethink their membership, some have left the congregation. Some are upset and others are concerned and are not sure what they are going to do. Deacons are going to try to reach out to them.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- ✓ Sally proposed that Adam S. be Chair, Carla T seconded, all approved.
- ✓ Adam proposed Sally to be secretary, Carla Seconded, all approved.
- ✓ Sally Proposed that Carla be Personnel Committee Representative, Adam second, no-quorum to approve, this position, We will ask Carla at next meeting March 9th.
- ✓ Adam thanked Betsey for all her hard work and devotion to the finance
- ✓ Board, we presented her with card and flower bouquet.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

John distributed the first budget report for 2010. He called attention to several details.

- ✓ Not much is going on, and really shouldn't during this first month of the years budget.
- ✓ \$27,500 was given in under contingency line item in income, this money was transferred from the endowment—and is not considered income.
- ✓ This report does not include the February 7th collection income.
- ✓ It was brought up before annual meeting that the personnel and or pastoral relations committees should be the ones to make the announcement of staffing level increases —John commented that the Annual report is the actual device where this information is given to the entire congregation about staffing payroll increases.
- ✓ Only expenses paid out were in payroll for January, the negative balance in fundraisers was for Pierpont Concert sign production.

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- ✓ \$200 from Misc Income will be transferred to the Pastors Discretionary Fund to cover overage in this account,
- ✓ John will update Cell tower report for next meeting

The report was received with appreciation.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

- ✓ As of the meeting date, 121 pledges have been received for 2010. Pledges received, and recorded by Jody, total \$150,746
- ✓ Betsey reported that she had received addition pledge cards so total is now at \$167,493
- ✓ Betsy noted that there are 45 youth members - very few pledge; 50 or so young adults/college age members do not pledge, and 15 shut-ins do not pledge.

There are 220 potential pledging units-121 of them pledge, how do we bridge this gap?

Betsy noted that if you have problems with your Pledging statement to contact Jody directly.

Scott noted that it was brought to his attention that we should not (the collectors) pick up the offertory plates until postlude is finished.

### COUNCIL REPORT

Betsey noted that Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Koinonia Room—Adam will be attending as Finance Chair—this month is an exception, council will meet on 2/23.

Adam thanked Philip DiPeri for all his hard work behind the success of putting together O&A materials and making sure this important congregational vote took place this year. Good work Phil!

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Special Projects

- ✓ Deacons have used their monies, have purchased video screen and we should see it installed in the next few weeks,
- ✓ Welcoming Special project, Phil is working on finalizing postcards, looking for good photo, Sally will send what she has in file; re-thinking use of the ticket idea, Phil has hung "Window "

box in Carroll hall and one in area near 1st fl. elevator.

- ✓ Betsey is still working on Web-cam idea, she will get to it after Finance Board.

Adam will be contact person with Jody. Adam and Betsey decided to meet to finalize transition of Chairmanships. Betsey and Adam will have further discussion to outline roles of chair more concretely, such as Business manager aspects of Finance chair.

### NEW BUSINESS

Adam asked all of to look forward to 2010. What do we see as important tasks to do, what do have to work on, what didn't we do?

Adam: Have more concrete plan from B& G; schedule a sit-down meeting with B&G to do real long-range planning.

Betsey: Getting everyone to get to finance meeting, it is really important. She meant to connect better with Ray G. Maybe there is a better time to meet, so everyone will make it?

John: Hope for external audit of Church Records, John feels this should be done on an annual basis as good practice for the NHCC. Phil was going to look into having this done Pro-Bono?

Scott: As Deacons are reviewing the membership list; they need better information from Finance as to who are pledging units are, need final 2010 list. Would like us to work on a real long-range plan for stewardship. Figure out what the real mission of our church really is—maybe these are incremental goals.

Sally: Finding how to get more of our mid-/ lower pledging units to add a small amount to their overall pledge—maybe \$5 per month. The next generation is coming up through this church and their giving levels are declining in comparison to the generation before them. How do we make members feel as if they are truly an integral part of a large Christian family? It takes all of us to make NHCC a viable place of worship and fellowship both by our volunteering, our work and by our financial commitments.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 pm