

Executive Board Meeting Notes – 1/15/2008

Present: Rich Brosky and Paul Durland (Search Committee), Bob Lytle (Nominating), Daphne Siegal (Youth Group), Phil Guymont (Trustees), Kevern Joyce (Moderator), Pam Joyce (Outreach), Sonja White (Guild), Linda Gouveia (Deacons), Deb Durland (Ways & Means), Harry Schoening (Treasurer), Susan McLaren (Transition Team).

Moderator Kevern Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

The meeting focused on items that would be on the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting January 27, 2008.

Phil Guymont reported that the Stewardship campaign is still short of its goal, but making progress. \$175,000 has been pledged to operations and \$29,000 to Outreach. There are 37 families that we hope to hear from, so the goal of \$200,000 for operations is still possible. The Church will receive a gift of \$13,000 from the estate of Pat Swift. Given that expenses were incurred on her behalf by the Church, the executive committee felt it was appropriate that the gift be recognized as pledge income in 2008.

Once again the proposed bylaw on major capital projects was discussed. Phil reported that the trustees could support the change if it only applied to projects over \$20,000. That change was not fully supported. The entire committee agreed that we did not want this change to apply to every project, but we had not yet drafted words that would produce that result. The committee voted unanimously to withdraw the change from consideration until better wording is developed. Deb Durland, who made the original proposal, agreed better wording was needed and supported the delay.

Paul reported that we had received 50 profiles of candidates interested in the settled minister position. An interview was held and sermon tapes and videos are being reviewed. Eleven of the profiles received appear to be promising candidates for consideration. Interviews are being scheduled.

Deb Durland said that ways and means is working on the dinner theater. About half the roles have actors. They will also be focusing on the Padanaram Garden Market.

Coffee hours need more people to sign up.

Sonja White reported that the Guild will have a rummage sale this spring. The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. Call Sonja White if you would like additional information. Women representatives of the Guild will be meeting this spring to discuss the revitalization of the Guild as they move forward in their work for the Church.

Susan McLaren reported that the transition team will be hosting events that engage the membership in discussions. Communications continues to be something that we all need to improve. They will be sponsoring coffee and conversations.

Linda Gouveia said that the deacons are forming a committee that will have at least two deacons as well as members of the congregation to review the proposal of putting Bibles in the sanctuary. The committee, with Elizabeth's assistance, will provide educational opportunities to learn about different Bibles, the importance of the Bible in Christianity, etc. The deacons hope to have the Bibles and the racks to hold them in place by September if the congregation decides they want Bibles in the sanctuary.

Linda reported that the vendor for flowers has been changed and that a candle would be used in the sanctuary as a remembrance of service personnel.

Pam Joyce reported that outreach had held a discussion about the continuation of our support for Relay for Life. While no final decision has been made, she expects the effort will continue, perhaps not as strongly as in the past few years.

Daphne Siegal reported that the senior youth fellowship would be going to a providence Bruins game. They have 17-18 at meetings. The junior fellowship is planning a retreat. It is expected that 45 kids and 16 chaperones will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.