

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **May 20, 2008**

**Attendees:** Kevern Joyce, Phil Guymont, Bob Lytle, Laurie O'Neil, Sonja White, Debbie Durland, Paul Durland, Rich Brosky, Harry Schoening, Lee Murray

Rev. Elizabeth King was not able to make the meeting.

Laurie O'Neill said there was a glitch with the plans for Children's Sunday – many of the kids have softball games that day, but still want to participate in the launching of the boat. If the boat launching takes place after the picnic, they will not be able to take part. The issue is the boat and it is such an amazing accomplishment. These kids are so into this boat and so driven to be part of this launching that they would like to forego the picnic and invite families to bring their own picnic baskets to Nonquit. There are handicap accessible bathrooms there, plenty of parking at the main beach, and picnic tables. The launching will be right next to the main beach.

The plan is to load the boat onto the trailer after church and follow it right out to Nonquit and people can have their picnic. Wendy talked to Elizabeth who thought it was a good idea. Laurie will talk to them tonight and will e-mail Linda and ask her to do an e-flash. And then announce in church this Sunday that there won't be a picnic here but inviting families and those who want to participate.

Kevern mentioned that the space where Al's office is located smells like cigarette butts. That is because they bring the ashtrays in. Gail is working on a study for the department of public health – on non-smoking AA meetings. She thought that maybe we could offer that sort of meeting at our church. We don't want to kick anybody out. But she said that statistics show that those who are recovering are much less likely to relapse than those who continue to smoke.

Some felt that no smoking might be a deal breaker for the group. The containers that people put their cigarette butts in are brought into the building and in doing so bring the smoking smell into the building. Let them know that we are considering a smoke free zone but in the meantime ask them to take their butts with them.

**Nominating Committee:** Bob Lytle said that there were a lot of vacancies on the list. He also stated that it is difficult to approach those who have not been active in a while.

**Treasurer:** Harry Schoening reported that: Things are on the positive side for the first few months; income has been good; and expenses have been under control.

**Ways and Means:** Debbie Durland announced that Howie has decided that he does not want to be on Ways and Means Committee. She thinks he is still in mourning and that he is just not ready. She was concerned about his reaction to getting the boat. Laurie said that he knows about the boat and his family is coming.

The Ways and Means committee brainstormed. They think that maybe 2 or 3 fundraising events and then several events with a mainly fellowship focus. There is a whole list of things, but have not decided on what they are going to be yet. And they discussed a new name for the committee – Fun and Funds. Any change would require a by-law change.

**Trustees:** Phil Guymont said that the trustees are working on a budget for the Nursery School and on some marketing ideas to increase enrollment. There is a problem this year with the 2 day per week program-- there were 7 spots open. The three day a week was full. As a result they came in substantially under budget. There is only \$500 to advertise so they were trying to think of ideas. They will ask Elizabeth to mention that there are openings at the service so that the congregation can promote the program.

There was a lot of discussion about the nursery school making a profit and how that would impact the church's non-profit standing with the IRS. It was also mentioned that it was very helpful when you worked with them and helped them with their budget. It improved the relationship between the board and the school.

Committee chairs were reminded that budgets are due by the next meeting.

Kevern said that there was positive feedback to the annual meeting. A big issue is communication; it is a key factor. People jump to conclusions.

One of the things that I see is the job that Elizabeth has done with the kids. She has made it a meaningful experience not just some pattern thing that they need to do. She has set high standards for them. And as we go forward, that is something that we need convey to the new settled minister. Just like that mission trip – I don't think that the kids and the people will ever forget that.

Regarding the doors – Al is working on them. Windows I can do that.

**Women's Guild:** Sonja reported that the rummage sale and recycling brought in over \$3,500. The guild has given \$1,000 of it to the church scholarship which they plan to do yearly. They have asked the nursery school for a wish list and set money aside for that.

The guild is still looking for a president & vice-president. They hope that when the new minister comes that they can sit down and kind of reorganize the guild, the women of the church, get revived and get going.

**Scholarships:** Bob Lytle asked what the sources of income were for the scholarship. The youth group gave a donation again this year. There are 6 applications and all are amazing.

**Search Committee:** They used a neutral pulpit – Fairhaven church – then they got together as a group and he accepted our call. He and his family are interested in the parsonage; they even like to garden

Comments about his background from both the minister and references were read: He increased membership; increased worship attendance; increased pledging; active with the youth; ministry that matters-- church should be about serving God, ministry that matters to the congregation, the local community and the wider community, and ministers are present in peoples joys as well as in their despairs; worship services that are joyful and meaningful; passion for ministry, youthful enthusiasm; critical amount of excitement; entrepreneurial pastor; setting goals to do all that he achieved; open to different ideas; plan restructuring; effective preaching; builds fellowship among people with whom he works; brings new members into the congregation; effective in working with youth. There were other positive comments.

There was discussion about events to introduce the minister to the congregation. A letter from Elizabeth was read with suggestions. It was decided that the candidate should meet with the Executive and Search committees and plan a dinner for Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> –late afternoon or early evening. The Joyce's will tentatively host event.

On Father's Day weekend, plan a cookout for the congregation to meet and greet the new minister and family on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. In planning for Saturday -- all committees will do the same as had been planned for the picnic on children's Sunday. Committee members should arrive at 11 a.m.

There will be one service. The candidate will preach on Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. After the service there will be a congregational meeting to vote on whether to accept the candidate. A reception will follow. Salary and benefits package will be presented at the meeting.

Draft a letter to the congregation introducing the minister and his family. He will start rally Sunday, Sept. 7

The guild will be happy to help with food for the coffee hour on Sunday. They will also be willing to help in the parsonage; let them know needs. Tenants will hopefully be out by the end of May. There is time to get in; strip wallpaper, paint neutral colors, change lock on back door, etc.

Next Executive committee meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.