

Executive Board Meeting Notes – 6/17/2008

Present: Rich Brosky (Search Committee), Phil Guymont (Trustees), Kevern Joyce (Moderator), Pam Joyce (Outreach), Jeff Stone (Deacons), Cindy Spence (Ways and Means), Larry Bedell (Deacons), Jim Forbush (Stewardship)

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

Rich Brosky gave the estimates of moving costs for the minister to the trustees for their consideration and left the meeting.

We discussed plans to welcome our new settled minister, Rev. Will Sencabaugh. The tenant should vacate the parsonage by June 30, 2008. The trustees plan to get wall paper stripped and the walls patched and primed.

A key will be given to Rev. Sencabaugh as soon as the tenants have left.

The trustees were authorized to work with Rev. Sencabaugh to select health insurance as this detail was not settled in his contract.

As the installation will not be for six months or more, planning does not need to be done immediately. The deacons will take the lead on the planning, assisted by members of the search committee who have kindly offered to continue the great service they have provided the Church.

Meeting dates for next year were discussed. It appears that Tuesday continues to work for most people, so for now we will continue to have board meetings on the second Tuesday and executive committee meetings on the third Tuesday.

The moderator stated that he felt having all boards meet the same night helps the boards to keep in touch with each other and coordinate better. We will explore if this will work for the deacons and Rev. Sencabaugh.

While some of our committees are fully staffed, others still need more members. Hopefully, the enthusiasm for a new minister will help get more members to step forward and join a board.

The deacons plan to meet with Rev. Sencabaugh in August. Jeff suggested that it might be good for the executive committee to also schedule a meeting in August. These meetings have been set for August 12 and 13 respectively.

The deacons are continuing to work on the selection of bibles and will get input from Rev. Sencabaugh.

Ways and Means continues to look at creating activities that don't just raise money, but create fellowship opportunities for our members. List??

Jim Forbush outlined his thoughts

Outreach reminded everyone that Relay for Life is this weekend. As usual, the church's participation will be significant.

Religious Education had a great meeting this week. They processed the year and the most important goals we discussed for next year involve continuing the intergenerational partnership in Sunday School as well as adding both an 8th grade and high school component to Sunday School. Wendy plans to discuss this with the new minister. She hopes to offer a 9-12 class every three weeks or so before church. It will involve food(of course!) and we are looking to utilize the many committed people in our congregation to help us sustain our teenagers through high school. We also hope to have a conversation with the new minister and the deacons about confirmation- what does it mean and how should we offer it- age, etc. Lots to do and lots of positive energy as well.

We discussed a proper sendoff for Elizabeth. One possibility would be a function at the Yacht Club some weeknight evening. Perhaps a roast of Elizabeth? We'll get some dates from Elizabeth that work for her.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.