

Union Church of South Bristol – Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2015

Board Members Present: Linda Brunner, Priscilla Glendinning, Don Maunz, Norman Wright and Lori Wright

Board Members Absent: Connie Kennedy and Beth Hood

Linda called the meeting to order.

The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were emailed out to everyone. On a motion by Don and seconded by Norman, the reports were approved.

Old Business

- Linda will pass on the wood stove safety tips to the tenants.
- Wood stove has been ordered. Priscilla has asked for installation estimates. She has called Adam Libby 3 times. Linda talked with him about the slate that Jack donated, and the decision to use it or not will be left up to Adam. Adam knows the stove has been ordered. Tenant leaves November 1st and also knows that we are waiting for a date for installation. Priscilla will ask him at the Job site.
- Lori has emailed Mary O'Bryan with regard to the lease renewal and changes she would like to make; Priscilla will ask her if she has questions for the lease.
- Energy audit needs to be signed and returned with payment of \$820.
- The new basement door and windows will be installed this week. Kenny will check chimney and dormer later in the fall when he has the lift.
- Don asked about the email traffic about inmates.
 - Scheduling now for work to be done next spring
 - Painting of Parish Hall or Parsonage?
 - Shingle post office entrance
 - Many "ifs", would inside work be better?
 - Make a list for our next meeting
 - Kenny estimated of painting the parsonage was \$8,000 in July, 2014
- The work done by Kenny Lincoln up to this point had been repairs to Parish Hall and Church.
- The Post Office repair that was started by Ron Davis has never been finished. Norman will email Kenny to ask if he could take a look at it.
- Norman mentioned that Leland House might be interested in painting the parsonage. He will contact him as well.
- Don ask about last month's discussion about married people being on the board at the same time. It has happened in the past with Bill and Jean Turner and Gordon and Janet Claar. It is hard to find good people to serve on the Board. Priscilla's question had been about the pastor and their spouse being on the Board at the same time. In matters such as the pastor's salary increases, the spouse would abstain from voting. The Executive Committee is looking into the by-laws.
- Regional Rubbish will now bill the church for trash removal instead of the post office. The cost for trash removal is \$25 per month.
- Norman spoke of the MacPhee estimate for new propane heating system for the church being \$16,000 for two furnaces – upstairs and downstairs. Norman also spoke with Colby and Gale and propane furnaces aren't big enough to handle both floors. Possible to move the furnace to the "old" kitchen, which would take care of the pipe problem. Since we have no water in the church,

hot air is our only option. We will have to see what Colby & Gale comes up with. Priscilla mentioned Ranai heater for upstairs. Don asked if we can get by with what we have this winter. We have known about the pipe issue for two years and we are responsible for it. Are we taking significant risk by waiting until next year? Norman can talk with Pat Parent again about the options for the pipes/furnace. Priscilla has had a furnace moved, and it can be done.

- Payments for use of Parish Hall and Sanctuary
 - Concerts and other groups should pay
 - DaPonte has not paid – outside groups \$100
 - Post notice of charges in sanctuary
 - Linda will discuss with Judy and check with Sean Fleming; Priscilla will check with Newcastle church.

New Business

- Don asked about the endowment's performance. The endowment was merged from two funds to one to reduce costs last spring. We don't have a history yet to compare it to as far as performance. He also asked if the Board could be provided with a list of fixed monthly expenses, which Lori will provide.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright