

Union Church of South Bristol - Board Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2016

Members Present: Beth Hood, Linda Brunner, Don Maunz, Norman Wright, Lori Wright

Members Absent: Connie Kennedy, Priscilla Glendinning

Linda called the meeting to order and Pastor Beth led us in prayer.

Do we need to make a decision on furnace today? Linda will talk with Priscilla on what she has found out about heat pumps. Hopefully someone can come talk with Don/Board before next meeting. By the February meeting the Board wants to take a vote on either fixing chimney or heat pumps. We have the outside chimney estimates already.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Norman and seconded by Don.

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Don and seconded by Norman. Currently there is about \$6,000 in the operating checking account. We received donations of \$295 in memory of Annie Gilbert. Her daughter, Anne Pinkham, has asked if there is anything needed by the church that could serve as a lasting memorial in memory of her mother. Lori reported the value of the endowment. On October 1, 2015 the Book Value was \$476,223.82 and on December 31, 2015 the Book Value \$477,152.49, with \$928.66 income reinvested. The Market Value on October 1, 2015 was \$431,897.01 and on December 31, 2015, the Market Value was \$444,940.81. The change in value being \$12,115.13, with \$928.66 income reinvested. Don asked that account balances be part of the treasurer's reports. Lori also read a thank you note from Mary O'Bryan, who expressed her appreciation for the work being done on the parsonage.

Linda spoke to the issues at the post office. She has been emailing Ulysses Hernandez regarding the work being done, the humidifier installation and the intent to sign the lease. Norman will email Ken Lincoln with regard to an update of the work being done on the parish hall (windows and rot). The parsonage is mostly done with the exception of painting. Norman will also check with John McGowan to check his schedule on when the outside lights of the Parish Hall will be complete.

Linda talked with Aaron at Master Clean. We should install a small dehumidifier in the post office and the larger one inside Lori's office. Security standards for the post office might not meet with the larger unit being installed there. Linda moved and Don seconded that we go ahead with the Master Clean unit, with a smaller unit being installed in the post office. The motion was approved.

Don spoke to the energy audit at the church. He spoke with Mid Coast Green Collaborative. An energy audit would cost several hundred dollars and we know the church is leaky. We heat the church such a small amount of time, the cost doesn't support the audit.

Linda will talk with Priscilla to get her information/opinion on making a decision on the church furnace/chimney this week and let us know what she finds out.

With regard to our current heating system, the furnace smelled. It was cleaned in 2013 and we should schedule it to be cleaned by Seacoast Energy. We should also ask them to inspect before we lay out a lot of money for the chimney. Don volunteered to schedule and meet the repairman.

Kathryn Kennedy has starting teaching yoga. She wants to pay \$10 per class. Please let Lori know the schedule so it can be put in the bulletin/calendar and so that she can let Kip know.

There is an issue in the narthex about the file cabinets used by the music committee. Possible fix would be to move the choir robes to the coat rack and put the file cabinets in the closet. The music committee will investigate a solution.

John McGowan's estimate of \$535 was voted on via email.

Carolyn found mouse poop while cleaning the closet. Lori will call Modern Pest.

Linda will call Aaron at Master Clean about the dehumidifier.

Linda will take the post office lease and review, so that it can be signed and returned.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Norman and seconded by Don.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright