

Unity in Edinboro  
Board Meeting  
August 24, 2008

PRESENT: Caroll Boyer, Ray Sammartino, Jean Kimura, Leona Bickel

ABSENT: Rowland Proper, Joseph Briggs

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Dennis Boyer

Meeting began with prayer 9:12

MINUTES: RS/JK Unanimous

FINANCIALS: RS/JK Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

1. House-
  - a. Joanne did not have the opportunity to get information together about the house fund. She will have that done by our September board meeting.
  - b. Caroll reported that both tenants did not pay there August rent on time. Blaze and Melanie (upstairs) have always paid on time, so Caroll was not concerned about them. However, as of today they are caught up on rent. They do not perceive that there will be an issue from this point forward. Rochelle (downstairs) indicated to Caroll that this should not be a problem from this point forward and she, too, is up to date. Because the funds in the checking account were low, we did have NSF funds on a mortgage payment and there was a late fee. Caroll did transfer money over from the savings account. Ray suggested we have a pre-written eviction notice that we can give to the tenants if the rent is late again.
  - c. Caroll spoke to a couple of people from the Historical Society here in Edinboro about the barn due to its historical value. They were going to bring up the barn in their meeting to see if anyone was interested in moving the barn. Ray will talk to Norb giving him 30 days to come up with a plan to move/preserve the building. Joanne will do the same by sending a letter to Annette. Jean will contact a local high school to see if their building class would be interested in the barn.
  - d. Ray spoke with Patterson Erie who owns the Burger King Restaurant and they are not interested in renting any parking space.
  - e. There was water in the floor in the bedroom in the lower apartment. Dennis and Caroll did check to see what could be the problem. They could not find where the problem could be coming from. Caroll asked Rochelle to clean that up and let us know if there were any further problems. So far Caroll has not heard anything else about this issue.
  - f. Caroll also addressed all of the items on the porch. Caroll has asked her to move it.
  - g. Ray suggests that Caroll and he talk separately about the house and then bring up any issues to the board that can not be addressed. This will significantly cut down the amount of time that the board is spending on issues concerning the apartment

2. Dennis did speak with Cheryl Wenslow about her interest in running for the board. She is interested in running for board elections on October 5.

#### NEW Business

1. The Association of Unity Churches has a new program called Thriving in Unity in which they are working to make thriving churches throughout the Unity movement. Joanne ordered the materials, and just received them. She will look through them and report back to the board next meeting.
2. The fall program is coming together. Tony will be asking the congregation to take home yard signs today that say ThriveInGod.com. The retreat is coming together. Everything is going very well and the excitement is building.
3. Fred came over to ask if he could take down the scrub trees that are creating damage to his barn which he is planning to have restored. Joanne gave him permission to do so as long as he did not take down any of the bigger trees.
4. Norb held the yard sale but had not given any money to the church. Norb indicated that he sold his items and therefore would only tithe 10% of the funds back to the church. Norb indicated that there were minimal donations and everything that was sold was leftovers from the last garage sale that were just nicked/dimed. He gave a check for \$25 to Carol for the yard sale. We need to be clear that from this point forward if there is a garage sale or fund raising effort, the board expects that the funds that were raised be donated to the church. If outside people are selling ON church property they need to register with the church and be charged a table fee of some sort. It is also very confusing when we combine yard sales. Norb suggests that from this point we have only a solitary yard sale rather than having several sales at once.
5. Norb also spoke to the issue of the garden fund which is currently at a balance of \$620. Norb would like to have more of a say about how that garden fund was spent as money in the past has been spent (the riding mower). Dennis brings up that he and Carol have spent a lot of time and money on taking care of lawn maintenance issues. Ray brings up that there needs to be room that the board has the ability to spend the funds as they need without going to the congregation each time to spend money. Leona brings up that there is a matter of trust on how everything is taken care of. Everyone is asked to donate their time/talent/treasure with no strings attached. We ask that Norb do the same.
6. Next meeting: September 21 at 9:00