

Unity in Edinboro

May 25, 2008
Board Meeting

PRESENT: Dick Ropp, Caroll Boyer, Leona Bickel, Joseph Briggs

ABSENT: Rowland Proper, Jean Kimura

OTHER: Joanne Rowden

Board Meeting Called to order with prayer 9:05

Minutes: JB/LB Unanimous

Financials: JB/CB Unanimous

- New tenant has given us security deposit & first month's rent for June. Caroll has transferred \$2000 from savings to cover additional expenses due to Field Licensing that have been paid. CNB did not pull out our mortgage payment on our statement. Caroll did contact CNB about this and they indicated it was withdrawn but did not make it on the statement.

Old Business:

1. House:
 - a. Dennis and Caroll has done a lot of work with the house-electrical and drywall. Cheryl cleaned the carpets last week. Tenant will paint the walls that are not wallpapered. Front door can still be pushed open even though it is locked. Caroll and Dick both have answered phone calls about the apartment rental. Dennis also put some more stone on the driveway for parking.
 - b. Caroll let the tenant know that sometimes the toilet does clog and to notify us immediately. We need to put a lock on the door downstairs that goes upstairs to the apartment as the air does push that door ajar. We may need to consider raising rent in the future due to a likely increase in the utilities. Joanne will provide the figures for us next month on actual apartment costs now that we have a year's experience.
 - c. Norb would like us to consider saving the shed part of the barn. Dennis and Caroll looked at the barn. They thought it might be possible to keep up the back shed portion of the shed and still take down the rest of the barn. Norb indicated that the shed is a very good shed, concrete floor. We may be able to park around the shed. For the first phase of our parking lot, it is a good compromise.
2. Joanne will make an announcement that we are looking for nominations for the board. Anyone interested should contact Joseph, Jean or Dennis.
3. Fellowship after Sunday service
 - a. Dick sent a letter out to all of the board members of additional policies that he would like us to consider.
 - b. Dick pointed out that we run the business side of the church as a Board of Trustees. What kind of power does the board want to accept in regards to rules/policies that will set an atmosphere for growth? We should represent the membership while using our God inspired leadership to steer the boat.
 - c. Leona pointed out that the "rules" are Jesus' rules. That is our guiding principle.
 - d. Joanne agrees that one of the responsibilities of the board is to create policies. This way implied policies do not create conflict.
 - e. Caroll, focusing on just the fellowship issue, says that our focus should be on what Jesus would do.

- f. Joseph thinks that it is a good idea to set policies. **Motion:** The board will create policies regarding some guiding principles to be used in the church. JB/DR Unanimous
- g. The first policy to be addressed is the issue of Fellowship after service. Dick sees that the fellowship downstairs is an extension of our service. The remaining board members agree that everyone should be welcome. Joanne pointed out that if fellowship was an extension of service, it was even more reason to allow everyone to be welcome to participate fully as we would not prevent someone from participating in our service if they arrived late. **Motion:** The policy of Unity in Edinboro is that everyone is welcome at our Fellowship Time to share in conversation and our meal. JR/JB Opposed-DR. In Favor-LB/CB/LB/JR Motion carried.
- h. We will table the list until next meeting and see what other policies need to be created.

New Business:

1. Dennis is wondering about whether we want to get a quote on pulling the barn down. We may have an issue with just having someone come in and do it if they were not insured. The board agrees that this is something we need to look into. Dennis also suggested that we might simply be able to get a release. Joanne will contact David Devine, the attorney, to see if we could create such release. Dennis contact a professional to get a quote on what it would cost.
2. Next meeting-June 22 at 9:00 a.m.