

Unity in Edinboro
Board Meeting
April 26, 2009

PRESENT: Jim Aucutt, Ray Sammartino, Caroll Boyer, Jean Kimura, Leona Bickel, Cheryl Wenslow

ABSENT:

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Dennis Boyer

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes-RS/CW Unanimous
2. Financials-JA/JK Unanimous Conversation around the deficit that has been occurring each month. Jim suggested simply making an announcement during the service. Jim will make an announcement today during service.
3. Welcoming Practice-Ray shared Jackie's notes. Jackie would like each board member to ask 1 person again if they would like to participate on this committee/team
4. Change in service time-The concern is that people may not come if we change the time. Survey the congregation the next 2 Sundays and get their vote.
5. Garden/Yard work-At this date no one has come forward to volunteer. Joanne suggested that Barry Hardman indicated that he would like to help with buildings/grounds. Beverly is a part of the Edinboro garden club so perhaps she would be willing to help. Both of these individuals should be asked. Ray will talk to each of them. Caroll suggested that we have a barbeque and yard clean up.
6. Bell Tower Estimate-Bev was unable to secure an estimate for the Bell Tower. The entire panel on the backside is completely broken. Dennis suggested that Clearwater construction may give us a quote on this. He is willing to talk to them about getting us an estimate. Dennis will ask them to give us 2 estimates-1 for a louvered panel, and the other for a blank panel so that we can compare costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There seems to be a plumbing leak as the bucket in the closet in the basement office fills up every 4 weeks.
2. Caroll will check with both tenants to see if they were planning to renew their lease.
3. Bev put forth the suggestion that the board be available for a congregational meeting on a regular basis to answer questions, take suggestions, etc. Ray suggested that perhaps we could use this as an opportunity for sharing the financial information with the congregation then. It was decided that it would be better to talk to the congregation during the service when the most people are here. Ray suggested that we announce when the board meeting is scheduled and invite them to join us.
4. Our May phone call is May 12 at 6:00 p.m. We are to answer the 2nd question.
5. Next meeting date: June 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Meeting Called Sunday, May 3 after service:

Diane Crandall spoke to us about the possibility of converting the upper portion of the barn into a space for the young people to use. Jim Bickel joined the meeting and shared his insights as to the safety of the structure. The board has concerns about the barn being a safe space for the children to be in. Jim assured the board that with new OSB board on the floor, a handrail up the stairs, a railing around the opening to the stairs, and padlocks on the upper window and door downstairs, there is no reason to believe the space would not be safe. The cost of the materials is approximately \$130. Diane Crandall is willing to donate the materials. Jim Bickel is willing to donate his time and labor. After discussion, the board considered allowing Diane and Jim to move forward with the project. We will be closely monitoring the situation and if at any time feel that the children's safety is at risk, we will "pull the plug" on the project. A vote was taken of the board members. Affirmative vote: Jim Aucutt, Carroll Boyer, Leona Bickel, Jean Kimura, Joanne Rowden. Abstained from voting: Ray Sammartino.