

Unity in Edinboro  
August 16, 2009  
Board Meeting

PRESENT: Ray Sammartino, Caroll Boyer, Leona Bickel, Martin Maly

ABSENT: Jean Kimura, Cheryl Wenslow

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Gary Rowden, Dennis Boyer

Meeting opened with prayer at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes: CB/LB Unanimous

Financials: LB/MM Unanimous

Old Business:

1. Apartment Update
  - a. Tenants on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor have signed their new lease with an increase in rent to \$665 with a \$20 discount if paid on time. Ray will make 2 more copies and give copies to Joanne and Caroll.
  - b. Tenants on 1<sup>st</sup> floor-3 women signed lease with an increase in rent to \$1200 with a \$100 discount if paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. No pets allowed. We have received both a Security deposit of \$1000 and the rent of \$1100 for August 15-September 15. The balance of \$100 for the security deposit will be paid by Monday.
  - c. Caroll got an estimate to replace the rugs downstairs. Ray spoke to them about resigning their lease, pay rent on time, utilities are in line, we will replace the carpet next year.
  - d. Next June we need to contact the tenants to see if they are staying so that we can begin to advertise for new tenants.
2. Youth Building Update-Joanne did speak with Diane about the need to have a procedure that the children are aware of. Gary still needs to bring the rope ladder for their use. No one has used the building for a few weeks as Diane has not been at service.
3. Enlightened Leaders Program
  - a. Caroll, Martin and Ray all felt that the fall gifts program, for the entire church, might be something that would be more helpful for our church. Joanne just reminded everyone that the Enlightened Leaders Program is specifically for leadership.
  - b. Ray shared his concerns that we all have time constraints. It would be difficult for him, and maybe others, to give a significant amount of time to focus on the Enlightened Leaders Program
4. Together We Thrive-Gift Programs for Fall
  - a. Martin sees this as something that could be personally empowering to the congregation. Even a small percentage increase in being empowered would be very helpful.
  - b. Ray wants us to be cautious about coming on "too strong" with the congregation and alienating those people who simply want to come to church to listen, have fellowship and go home.
5. Create Team to consider "church growth"
  - a. Is there a way seasonally that we could bring in something special to perform in a meaningful way. This may bring in outsiders.
  - b. Martin thinks that there must be a way to tap further into the University.

- c. Unity in Edinboro where God things are happening-Front Sign. This taps into Edinboro's theme...Where good things are happening.
  - d. We will table further discussion until the next meeting.
6. Phone call with Paula

#### New Business

1. Joanne did ask Joseph if he was interested in running. Ray will talk with Joseph about an official nomination.
2. Yard sale-\$160 was raised. There are still some items in the barn. Ray is concerned about the items left in the barn. Ray will ask Bev about taking care of the items in the barn. Someone needs to move things out, however we need someone to take responsibility for this.
3. Next meeting-September 27 at 9:00