

Unity in Edinboro
Board Meeting
February 22, 2009

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

ABSENT: Cheryl Wenslow

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Dennis Boyer

MINUTES: RS/LB

FINANCIALS: Caroll and Joanne did not get financials completed. They will have the financials to the board by next Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Banking Signatures- CNB requires that Ray and Jim stop in the bank to sign the signature card. This has not yet been done. Ray and Jim will stop up to the branch on Interchange Road to sign those. Joanne needs to get the board meeting minutes that appoint Ray and Jim as board members.
2. Joanne contacted the County of Erie and did find out that there is no survey on file. We will need to hire our own surveyor when we are ready to move forward.
3. Dennis hired the contractor. Dennis is noting that sometimes the boiler doesn't fire every time. The contractor did do some cleaning of the boiler, but you can not get to the area that may be the cause of the misfiring without taking apart the entire boiler. Dennis has not heard it misfiring since the cleaning. There was a frozen pipe in the front vestibule when it was so cold. Dennis fixed the pipe and the heat is now turned on low in the Chaplain's room so that this will not happen in the future.
4. Welcoming Practice-Joanne shared that some Unity churches have "Unity Ambassadors" who help welcome newcomers. Ray suggests that we find volunteers for a welcoming committee and then get their input on how they would like to do this "job". They will then be invested in 78 the program as they will be creating it as they envision it. Ray suggested that each board member ask 1 person to serve on that committee. We will also invite them to attend the next board meeting. We will then give that committee the opportunity to brainstorm and come up with a plan to integrate visitors into the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Quilt show-Joanne does not believe that these quilts are for sale, only for display. The days are May 14-16 (Thurs-Sat). The benefit is that we open the church to the community, goodwill. Ray asked whether there is something we want to do to take advantage of a group of people coming through the church. If there was a manned table set up with information on our church we could perhaps find some people interested in finding out about Unity. Joanne will ask the quilt group whether they would be agreeable to our doing something that day. Caroll also suggested perhaps having coffee available throughout the time. This also lends some sense of security if we have someone from church here. Joanne will contact them tomorrow and find out:
 - a. Profit-selling
 - b. Hours

- c. Sign off on liability
 - d. Are they agreeable to our group doing something to offer Unity literature/refreshments
 - e. How soon do they need to know
 - f. It is contingent on our getting volunteers
2. Leadership Training in Buffalo-Joanne shared that she is going to likely have the same workshop when she is out at Field Licensing Training as Gary Simmons will be presenting Friday and Saturday during Field Licensing week. Carroll asked if it is necessary for the entire board to go. Clearly the more board members that would go, the better if we are going to implement something in the church. Carroll appears to be the only board member interested currently. Joanne will give the board an outline of the presentation when she returns so that a decision can be made.
3. Joanne shared information on Spirit Quest Film Fest. There will be different categories of Spiritual Films which will be judged. The winning films will be shown throughout the weekend. The Film Fest will be making money on film fees that were submitted. The ticket sales will be split with Unity in Edinboro. The board requested that we ask Greg to meet with us briefly next Sunday after church.
4. We have applications from Julie Uhlman, Barry Hardman, Priscilla Hardman for membership.
Motion: Move to accept new members CB/RS Unanimous
5. Next meeting set for Mar. 29 at 1230.