

Unity in Edinboro
July 12, 2009
Board Meeting

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

ABSENT: Jean Kimura, Cheryl Wenslow

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Gary Rowden, Jackie Sammartino, Dennis Boyer, Denny Cook

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

Minutes: LB/CB Unanimous

Financials: LB/MM Unanimous

Old Business:

1. Martin Maly-Membership application RS/LB Unanimous
2. Martin Maly-Board nomination RS/CB Unanimous
3. Apartments:
 - a. Downstairs tenant has chosen to move. When submitting rent for July, she deducted the security deposit from the rent and paid the balance. Tenant inquired whether we would like the carpets cleaned before she moves out, and Caroll will let her know that we are requiring that she do so. Upstairs tenant has not indicated whether they will move out on August 1. Caroll will place the new lease in their door for signature today. Ray will send a letter of response expecting her to leave the property in good condition and exit the property in a timely matter. In addition, he will let her know that we are not accepting the security deposit as last month's rent and she will still be liable for any damage that has been done.
 - b. Martin suggested that the graduate office is just down the street and we might want to check and see if we can put up a flyer/listing in their office. Marty will check with the graduate office. Caroll will purchase a sign and we will put Caroll's number as contact.
 - c. Motion: Downstairs rent \$1100 including utilities; Upstairs apartment (if tenant moves out) \$675 including utilities. CB/MM Unanimous
4. Welcoming Practice
 - a. Thinking of you cards will be available today. Jackie will make an announcement today. Ray suggests that initially we make an announcement once per month. Joanne can also put an announcement in the weekly bulletin.
 - b. Each person on the welcoming committee (Jackie, Joanne M., Maureen, Leona, Jerry) will take responsibility for welcoming new people individually. In addition, they suggest that the board does the same.
 - c. Jackie suggests also including something in the welcome packet regarding youth.
 - d. Jackie suggests that perhaps we should consider creating a team that does focus on growing the numbers of the church. Ray suggests that we add this to new business next month to discuss this more fully. Joanne will send an email to remind board members to come with ideas next month on this topic.

5. Approval of loft- Ray suggests that we be able to open the upstairs window be able to be opened from the inside and have a rope ladder available so that this could be a fire escape if necessary. We will notify Diane that we are approving the use of the loft with the fire plan in place. In addition, procedure needs to be developed so that the children are familiar with the fire plan.

New Business:

1. Joanne brought information on the Enlightened Leader Program to the board.
 - a. Ray has 2 concerns:
 - i. Board must agree to tithe 10% individually to their Spiritual Source which hopefully will be at least in part to Unity in Edinboro.
 - ii. Church must agree to tithe 5% to the Association which Unity in Edinboro is already doing.
 - b. Joanne did speak with Jean K. who is in favor of proceeding with this.
 - c. Marty wonders how this program will actually transform something in our church.
 - d. By next month we make a decision to either accept this plan, or come with some ideas of how we can come up with a plan ourselves.
2. Marilyn Ward has been cleaning the church, however she is moving to Hawaii and is no longer available to clean effective immediately. Leona offered to volunteer to clean the church. There are concerns about Leona already doing so much. Joanne suggests that Priscilla Hardman has asked about cleaning.
3. Joanne gave Together we Thrive information for the board to consider. She asked that the board consider it for the next meeting.
4. Next meeting-August 16 at 9:00 a.m.