

Unity in Edinboro  
September 27, 2009  
Board Meeting

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

ABSENT: Jean Kimura,

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Gary Rowden, Dennis Boyer

Meeting opened with prayer at 9:10

Minutes: CB/LB Unanimous

Financials:

1. Joanne made the suggestion that based on the current status of the rental income, we could perhaps take the \$300 per month that the church is paying for the mortgage and suspend that for a period of time (i.e. 6 months) and see if we can get caught up. **Motion:** Change mortgage allocation from the church to \$0 for a period of 6 months. This motion will be reviewed after 6 months time.
2. MM/CW Unanimous Martin also suggested that in the future we take a look at paying extra on the principle to pay the mortgage early.

Financials as presented: CW/MM Unanimous

Old Business:

1. Apartment Update
  - a. Martin inquired whether there were any expenses that we knew would be coming up for the apartments (i.e. carpets). Ray had the carpets cleaned for the current tenants and the carpet is in good shape.
  - b. The current tenants are good, paying on time, Dennis continues to take care of the maintenance issue. We are in good shape.
2. Create Team to consider "church growth"
  - a. Everyone was reminded that this was brought up a couple of months ago due to the work that the welcoming team did. Jackie suggested that perhaps we would like create a committee to focus on this topic.
  - b. Martin suggested that we put our energy into affirmative prayer.
    - i. Unity is a light to the community
    - ii. Joanne shared that she has been affirming that the pews of Unity in Edinboro are filled with individuals who are loving, supportive, creative, accepting, generous, healthy and open to learning and applying Unity principles
    - iii. Caroll reminded us that we need to be in the space of knowing/believing that it is happening right now...not in the future, not someday. There is a power in this. We need to be in the place of feeling it...thinking vs. knowing.
    - iv. Ray suggests that we do need to hold a vision, but we also need to examine how we present ourselves as a church. Gary is in agreement.
  - c. When people come up with idea, there could be a clearing house about the idea so that it takes the pressure off Joanne.
  - d. Martin reminded us that most people don't really know their traditions. A part of those other traditions that can be experienced is through song/chant. That can make people uncomfortable. Martin is not in favor with taking the responsibility away from Joanne.

Ray reminded us that it is the traditional “service” that people are familiar with, not necessarily the tradition of their religion.

#### New Business

1. Annual meeting
2. Next meeting-October 18 at 9:00