

Unity in Edinboro
Board Meeting
April 18, 2010

PRESENT: martin Maly, Leona Bickel, Joseph Briggs, Shelly Ropp, Cheryl Wenslow

ABSENT: Ray Sammartino

OTHER: Joanne Rowden, Gary Rowden

1. Open with prayer at 12:30
2. Minutes-JB/LB Unanimous
3. Financials-Joanne is signing us up for Celebration Circles letting the Association know that we are tithing 5%. By formally signing up, next year we will get a free Conference attendance with 1 paid conference attendance. We are already tithing 5%. CW/SR Unanimous
4. Old Business
 - a. Update from Martin and Joseph on Labyrinth
 - i. By the end of May Martin is hoping to have a drawn up plan.
 - ii. Martin estimates we will need about 500 stones.
 - b. Contact Magazine—It is good to have that connection with Unity Ministries as a whole.
 - c. Spring cleaning-Joseph and Shelly
 - i. May 22-Saturday
 - ii. Trash pickup for large items is May 8, 2010. Gary will talk to Dennis this week about the garbage that we can eliminate on this date.
 - iii. Joanne will put a note in the bulletin about removing items from barn by May 2.
 - iv. Joseph and Shelly will come up with a plan for what needs to be done that day so we can be organized.
 - d. Barn removal-
 - i. Ray has contract for us to approve-Motion to approve contract as written JB/MM Unanimous
 - ii. Shed replacement-Need to check Edinboro ordinance to see what we can put up without permit (8 x 8?). Dennis is planning to check pricing, etc. on a shed. Dennis and Gary are planning to remove top soil, put down gravel, and place the shed on top. The flooring of the shed will be treated lumber. Estimate is that the shed will cost approximately \$1200-\$1400. Shelly will contact the Boro about the requirements for building permit/setbacks.
 - e. Nonperishable food collection-Cheryl is continuing to work with the Albion Food Pantry. Cheryl will find out when the June date is and we can have a collection the Sunday before.
 - f. Apartment-see Minister's report.
 - i. The apartments are funding themselves.
 - ii. The apartment fund balance is increasing.

- iii. At this point, rent is covering all of the expenses.
- iv. We may consider whether it would be worthwhile to separate out electric to see the cost/benefit.
- g. Update of Ordination day-see minister's report

5. New Business

- a. Gordon-Idea for an herbal garden/herbalist club to learn herbal remedies. Gordon is available to help care for the garden. Martin would like a more specific plan. The board is open to the idea. Specific plants, location, committee of people to help, cost. Joanne will make an announcement to ask if there is anyone willing to help maintain and that they can see Gordon. We could also solicit people in the garden that may have herb plants.
- b. Caroll had a phone call from Blaze/Melanie. They would like to get out of the lease earlier. Caroll indicated that they would need to contact Ray about that. Their lease is up June 30. In addition Melanie's car was hit on Wednesday by a white car. Martin will contact Ray about this. Also it is suggested that we put up parking signs. We already have 2 church parking signs and 4 tenant parking signs. Gary will provide the fenceposts.
- c. Update on core vision council-see minister's report
 - i. Comments on the new service format are positive. Repetition has been eliminated. Evokes thinking. Feels more personal.
 - ii. Core Values-worksheet shared. We are creating these from the vision that came from the congregation last fall.
- d. Audio/Visual Equipment reimbursement-
 - i. Gary Rowden brought this up a few months ago. He was able to purchase used equipment that fits perfectly with our system. Cost is \$650. Estimate value is \$1600.
 - ii. Gary used to have a sound budget with a balance of \$649. These funds all got combined and is currently in building and grounds which has a balance of \$2090.
 - iii. Gary will still need speaker stands and a snake. There is also a request for wireless mics.
 - iv. Speakers needed to be replaced because the speakers we have are not working properly. One of them is not working at all.
 - v. Motion: Reimburse Gary Rowden \$649 for the purchase of the used equipment. JB/CW Unanimous
- e. Date of next meeting-May 23 after service. NOTE: This is a change from the original date of May 16.
- f. Closing Prayer at 1:30
- g. Motion to adjourn SR/MM