

**Simplified Board Meeting  
January 16, 2018**

Present: Tom Webber, Steve Monroe, Henry Berry, Gary Alexander, Ardyce Robbins, Johnnie Bean, Lynn Kennard, Connie Packard, Kristin White, Sue Pattershall, Mary Saunders, Jim Jacobsen, Deb Polzella  
Jerry Robbins, Chuck Horstman, Evelyn Horstman

Meeting began at 6:32PM

Sue opened with a devotion.

Minutes: Gary provided a summary of the trustees meeting. A new snow blower was purchased for the church, lights on the cross replaced and a heater in the foyer was repaired. Ardyce made a motion to accept the trustee minutes. Steve seconded. **Approved**

Connie will be going over the financial report in April.

Jim gave a report for the SPRC. They are up to date with personnel reports that needed to be submitted. Dan has left his position as custodian so some of his duties will be consolidated with George's duties. George has been given a raise for this additional work along with more hours. Communication of this salary change has been made to payroll. Nara has taken the position of the nursery coordinator. Gary made a motion to accept Jim's verbal report "as stated". Henry seconded. **Approved**

Sue pointed out the letter she sent to the Church Council providing financial information. Reviewed Finance Minutes. The biggest concern is how to increase income and/or decrease expenses in the budget. The missions shares have been paid in the amount of \$5480.16 out of approximately \$9300. Gary made a motion to accept the Finance minutes. Seconded by Steve. **Approved**

Henry mentioned that the Church Council Meeting minutes from December will need to be brought forth so they can be approved. The ones in tonight's packet were from November.

Reviewed some of the items in the November Church Council minutes. Henry was wondering about the start of grant writing in Feb/March for a spiritual center; coming up soon to get task accomplished. Kristin is willing to do this but would also appreciate any assistance. One grant is for material resources and another is through the Bangor Theological Center called the Compass Program provided for doing ministries in new ways. There will be a letter going out for anyone interested in the spiritual center. We will be discussing new ways of being the church. Two leaders have agreed to have retreats this spring. There will be Bell Concerts. Christine may do performances on the organ and/or steel drums. There may also be some improv performances. Gary made a motion to accept the November minutes. Jim seconded. **Approved**

Next order of business was election of Trustees Chair. This position has a legal designation being responsible for invested funds, contracts, etc. as part of church business. Gary will be trying to get George to take over some responsibilities more closely associated with custodial duties such as getting the furnace cleaned and keeping track of CMP and snow plow contracts. Gary and Steve have been previous chairs and would be willing to mentor anyone who accepted the position. Ardyce nominated Gary. Tom seconded it. All were in favor. Gary will serve as Trustee Chair.

Three task forces will be started very soon.

The first is a finance task force to review and address the budget. Jim Jacobsen, Ardyce Robbins and Henry Berry will be a part of this team.

The second is the buildings and grounds task force to create a list of needed building projects to bring for planning at February meeting. There was also the idea to look about 5 years ahead for projects. Steve Monroe, Chuck Horstman, Connie Packard and Sue Pattershall will be a part of this team.

The third is the building use task force to review current building use policies and make recommendations at the February meeting. Johnnie Bean and Connie will be part of this team. It was suggested the Darby also be on the team since she is the one to oversee building usage. Sally Joy is another name that came up during this discussion. Sue will think about being on this team or either of the others.

Connie mentioned using the minutes from the Trustees meeting December 2016 which had estimates of cost and priorities. It will be a good point to start from for the buildings/grounds task force.

A request for other volunteers will be made a service on Sunday.

There was discussion about the upcoming Board retreat on January 27. Sue has sent out an email to members to sign up for potluck breakfast and lunch. It will take place starting at 8:30AM and ending by 4:30PM. The retreat will be a way for members to get to know one another, what everyone's roles will be, develop a vision for the church, put some goals in place, create a covenant for the upcoming year and the nuts/bolts of the meeting structure.

Action items:

Ardyce will contact Darby about the ad in the KJ still showing the Christmas schedule.

Sue will get the Council minutes for next meeting.

Gary will get the minutes from the December 2016 meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:51PM after closing prayer by Kristin.