

Minutes of Board Meeting
1/13/2019

Meeting was opened at 12:45 with chalice lighting.

In attendance:

Board Members

Brian Heffner
Maureen McGuire
Ranjan Batra
Patricia Ice
Lisa Dunn
David Morgan
Eric Saulters-Wood

Committee Members

Stacy Callendar
Jim Becker

1. Treasurer report given by Ranjan Batra

The shortfall is currently about \$7000 in the budget. At the congregation meeting, a shortfall of \$17,205 was approved, but now it will be a little over \$24,000. Options are that we fund raise aggressively, or we trim budget, or we use more in savings. One big fund raiser a quarter would be good, plus some smaller ones. One large component is Justin's salary, other is repairs on this building and sell as is. Can only rent as residential or to another church or nonprofit. Insurance and programs are other items, but they can't really be cut. Could use money market or liquidate stocks. Shortfall \$24k plus \$70k to renovate West Street, could do that with the savings. Could also seek out grants. Stacy suggested that we really don't need such a large savings balance, is a luxury that would be better spent on our needs.

2. Fund Raising Discussion

Brian suggested having "circle supper" on Wednesday night, with a cost of \$5 to \$7 to attend, with a cap for families, including vegan and vegetarian options. Maureen suggested \$10 per adult, less for child, \$25 for family. Went ahead and set date – February 20, 6:00; sing along supper.

Kroger reward/loyalty card, make sure everyone knows about it and how to sign up.

Donate button on Facebook group. Jim said he would look into it.

Service auction, combined with a dinner.

Talent show with a dinner.

Family fund days/nights, can be on donation basis, snacks and drinks on donation basis.

Naming and sponsoring things with a placard.

2. Open & close church discussion

Stacey pointed out we already had a policy of “board member of the day”. Closing is covered by Ranjan, and if he won’t be available he will get someone else. Brian and Eric will coordinate opening of church.

3. Terms of selling property discussion

Per Patricia, realtor said we can work out the timeline at the time of accepting the offer. We work it out with the buyer, we just need to get the property on the market. Suggests having a meeting with him.

Patricia moved the transition team (Brian) and Stacey and Patricia meet with Mike Flannes to sign contract to put North State property on market with the same terms as before. Maureen seconded. Discussion: concerns were raised about the time needed to move into the West Street property if the North Street property were to be sold. Maureen called discussion. Vote: all in favor, motion passed.

4. Access to West Street Property

Currently: President, president to be, past president, Tom Kerson, Brian, Stacey, and Justin. Problem is it is very complicated system, so only certain people have access.

Maureen made the motion that the above people have the keys. Patricia seconded. After a discussion, Ranjan made the friendly amendment to name positions rather than people, which are to be the past president, current president, president-elect, sexton, co-sexton, Transition coordinator, and minister. Maureen accepts the friendly amendment. Vote: all in favor, motion passed.

5. Transition Team Report by Stacy

Anticipated expenses: developing ground plans and renovation plans. Gathered ideas from congregation. Brian has begun plans. Goal is to hire architect to do design development and oversee construction. Phase 1 is to address immediate occupancy. Fee for architect will probably be based on hourly rate. Phase 2 is about what we would like to have. Need to develop the moving plan, physical assets, spiritual care of members as we move, signage, etc. Next meeting is 1/20, 12 to 1. Need clarification of scope of responsibilities and what is at their discretion.

Maureen made the motion that the transition task force has authority to spend up to \$2,000 start up expenses. Ranjan second. No discussion. Vote: all in favor, motion passed.

Transition task force has been given the ability to organize volunteers to get things started that we can do ourselves. Patricia requests that minority businesses be considered in the hiring of contractors.

6. List of who donated teal hymnals

Eric and Ranjan have the list.

Next board meeting: 2/24

Meeting adjourned 2:45.