

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 12, 2015

Members present – “D” Fletcher, Mike Sniecinski, Deidre Setser, Joe Wilcek,
Steve Bullock, Jim Eugenius

Others present – Bob Burr, Paul Smith, Carol Hansen, Pastor Brian James, Chuck
Kinter, Jack Moorman

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mike S. He welcomed Deidre Setser as our newest trustee and thanked Joe for conducting the previous meeting. He also thanked Jim and Shirley for all of the hard work they did on the Christmas Day Dinner. The minute of the previous meeting were accepted as printed. It was noted that Dave Cox is no longer a member of the Trustees at his request.

New Business

The mowing proposal from Frank Hansen has been resubmitted. He has already gotten approval from Wills and Memorials committee and Finance committee for the idea this time. Mike said that he has spoken to Frank and received an email from him about the same and that Frank already has two volunteer crews lined up but would need storage space for the lawn mower. The email detailed what he has in mind for the storage issue and the changes that would need to be made in the garage. Paul Smith requested to be permitted to speak regarding concerns that he has about the proposal and was given the floor. He has many concerns regarding this proposal including but not limited to safety of the mower operators, maintenance of the mower, training of the mower operators, brand of mower suggested by Frank Hansen, liability of the church in case of injury and reliability of volunteers especially during the hot rainy season. He is strongly urging the Trustees to veto the idea once and for all. Much discussion followed which included who the volunteers are, what happens when the work isn't done – we cannot expect Carol or Pastor Brian to do the mowing, what about the other equipment that would be necessary to do the job properly, are we actually going to save any money when we factor in the cost of gasoline, oil and maintenance of the equipment. Steve commented that he had been approached by Frank and had originally said yes but has since changed his mind when he saw the difference in the number of people that had volunteered to paint the Fellowship Hall and how many showed up to work. He said that he is afraid that he would end up being responsible for doing the lawn every weekend during the rainy season. A motion was made by Joe Wilcek that we do not want to get involved with “in house” lawn maintenance and seconded by Bob Burr. A unanimous voice vote followed. Mike will contact Frank and let him know the Trustees decision.

Mike read a message that he had received from David deSilva. David was asking for our guidance on a request from Denny Ausman to use the organ to practice during the week for a new job that he has in Fort Myers. Ultimately the decision does lie with David but the Trustees do not have any objections. David is also asking us to look at

the railings on the steps leading to the chairs in the choir loft as they move when you hold onto them. He is also requesting some sort of lip or barrier across the edge of the altar platform near the piano so that when the piano is moved there is less of a chance for the piano to fall off of the altar. Both Steve and Jim said that they would check out the requests with David and see what needs to be done.

It was noted that the grounds are looking good, but there is a lot of waste that needs to be taken to the dump and a truck with a hitch for the trailer and a person with a Charlotte County license was needed. Jim and Joe said that they will take care of it on Monday. It was noted that Marianne Volkmann was requesting \$250 to purchase more mulch to complete the work already started. Since, at this time, there is no extra money for such a purchase Joe said that he would speak to someone about donating the money for the mulch.

Other business

Joe Wilcek brought up the situation with the broadcasting of the 8am service. He told us that the "Martee" has burned out and with has to be fixed or replaced. He also stated that the pastor at the radio station prefers that we use the computer to "stream" the service. Deidre and Wanda have volunteered to set up the computer so that this would be possible. Deidre said that we actually need either a laptop or a tower to do what is necessary. A motion was made by Mike S. and seconded by Jim that we get whatever computer equipment that was necessary to make it possible to continue to broadcast the service. A unanimous voice vote followed. Carol will get together with Deidre, Wanda and Bill to see what we need.

Administrator's report – Carol highlighted parts of her report noting that the metal archway at the beginning of the walkway on our side of New Beginnings Park is corroded and dangerous. Tom Marshall has agreed to remove it. This was originally donated by the UMM and this would have to be noted on any new structure that was put up. She also informed us that a verdict had been rendered after a two week trial regarding the Yonique Miller case. The attorney from Conference has filed for a new trial and a hearing has been scheduled for January 26th. In conjunction with that case, Carol had asked the expert from conference what changes we could make in our parking lot and his only suggestion was to extend a fence from the gate that we have already put in at the end of the walkway. It was also noted that Mike Hald will be organizing a crew to paint the stage in Fellowship Hall. Carol reminded us that the budget for 2015 will be tight and that we didn't make the budget for 2014. When asked about specific overages she said that she would get a printout from Nancy for the next meeting.

Renovation update

At this time Chuck and Jack took the floor. It was noted that we will soon be getting the permit drawings for the sanctuary and welcome area from the architect, and that once we have a better idea of how much money we will have to do the renovation then we will have the ability to pick and choose how to proceed. Jack suggested that we might consider do some work that would have a two-fold purpose. He suggested that we

might "bite the bullet" and consider moving the existing air conditioner units that are next to the glass doors off the parking lot. This would be two-fold in that it would do something that is going to need to be done any way, especially since the units are in bad shape, and it would give an idea of what the entry area would look like. We would move the units to outside of the choir office and outside of either Carol's office or Pastor Brian's office. To do this, the electrical work that would be necessary and grading of the area that now houses the units would cost about \$75,000. Much discussion followed noting that this is a portion of the total package, it would show members of the congregation what a difference not having those large block walls by the walkway would make, that we would be most likely be using Trane units that would most likely be 13 seer and that the current air handlers are in good condition. A motion to go ahead and get the permits necessary to move and replace the air conditioning units was made by Bob Burr and seconded by Mike Sniecinski. A unanimous voice vote followed.

When asked where we stand with getting approval from the District for the renovation, Carol stated that in order to do so we needed to get our own house in order first. We need to be able to show a balanced budget and are getting closer to being able to do so.

This meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Brian.

