

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Board of Trustees
May 11, 2009

In Attendance: Kay AuWerter, Les Buttolph, John Dietrich, Jeff Fesler, Jeff Hastings, Bob Lundholm, Karen Oehl, George Sendry, Carol Wilson

John Dietrich opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were approved as written.

Financials

Our expenditure for gas dropped considerably as the East Ohio Conference group rate kicked in.

There is a shortfall of approximately \$30,000 in capital campaign funds.

Administrative

Due to a breach in the contract by ADT, a notice to terminate will be sent to them. We will then switch to Power Alarm.

The fire evacuation on May 3rd went well. During the summer, we will have another evacuation with no warning and the fire alarm will sound.

Church Grounds

Bill Webb has not yet made a commitment to supervise the maintenance of the flower beds. He wanted to know what authority he would have. In the meantime, he has been working on the maintenance of the beds.

Bill was informed that we planned to ask for volunteers to help on a certain day of the month. It was agreed to purchase 10 yards of mulch. Weather permitting, this will be spread on the morning of May 30th.

Jeff Hastings applied fertilizer to both the church grass and at the parsonage.

New gaskets in the front lights are working and lights have stayed on.

Two bids, out of three, to reseal and restripe the parking lot are in. After checking on the warranty with Buckeye, we will probably have them do the job. John will email the quote from Ohio Paving when he receives it.

Church Exterior

John Dietrich has talked with Willham Roofing about the front gutter. He is to come out and give us a quote.

Parsonage

We discussed the financing of parsonage renovations. Three options were mentioned- borrowing from Gifts and Memorials, using funds from the General Reserve Fund, capital funds not yet collected and extending the capital campaign for an additional year.

The cost of the four rooms under consideration would be between \$34,000 and \$37,000. It was agreed that several trustees will meet with the finance committee to discuss extending the capital campaign for another year or other ideas for financing these renovations.

Church Interior

Jeff has had only one response to additional request for volunteer cleaning help.

Asbury Bremeth has begun to clean the parlor and third floor kitchens.

The ice machine was moved into the main kitchen, There were plumbing issues and the project was more involved than planned. Carol Wilson will send Craig Kotnik a thank you note for doing this.

Locks have been placed on two pantry cupboards. We will see if this is adequate rather than locking the entire pantry which would inconvenience many people. Craig Kotnik will build a cabinet to store linens in the area where the ice machine had been located. He has requested funds for wood. Les Buttolph mentioned that a bookcase had been disassembled and perhaps that wood could be used.

The Equal Exchange Coffee that the UMW sells will be moved up to the parlor kitchen, and a lock will be placed on a cabinet in there.

Church Renovations

John Dietrich is in the process of reattaching the book holders that came loose in the balcony. He is replacing the backing.

The next meeting will be June 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wilson, Secretary