

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Board of Trustees
December 7, 2009

In Attendance: Les Buttolph, Jim Fredrick, Jeff Hastings, Bob Lundholm, Karen Oehl, George Sendry, Lynn Spencer, Cliff Thielman, Carol Wilson, Marisol Wylie

Pastor Karen opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financials

With one month remaining in the year, spending for the church building and the parsonage is at 91% of the budgeted amount.

The bill for snow removal will be received soon.

Regarding the Capital Campaign, the remaining debt amount is \$89,878. The expected deficit less cash on hand, estimate of receipts, and forgiveness will be \$63,950.

Administrative

ADT has been quiet regarding collection issues.

There is a noticeable savings with new gas rate.

Church Grounds

Fall clean-up went well. Some pruning will be done later at an appropriate time.

Church Exterior

There are no funds for exterior painting at this time.

John Dietrich has applied weather stripping to the front door. Jeff Hastings will put weather stripping on the lower door by the parking lot.

Parsonage

Renovation work is completed and paid for and the chimney was repaired.

An Open House will be held on Dec. 20th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Church Interior

With the arrival of colder weather Brewer Garrett will do an infra red testing of the bldg.

Most of the insulation has been installed, and the remainder will be put in place soon.

It is felt that we need additional bids for the fire suppression over the ovens in the kitchen.

Cliff will look into new markers for the narthex electrical cabinet.

Jeff pointed out that the outlets in the parlor kitchen are GFCI. This will be corrected.

There is no easy solution to the visibility of screens from the balcony.

Church Renovations

New furniture has been purchased and delivered for the entryway and alcove.
A timer has been put on the lamp in the alcove.

Window Replacement

Quotes for new sanctuary windows have been received. Pella is the most sensitive to what we want for a reasonable price. We studied their quote for \$62,250.

Pews will need to be removed for installation and scaffolding erected.

We need to move forward on this as will require 6 wks. to build. It is hoped that installation could begin in March.

We discussed the possibility of doing 4 windows on one side and later the 3 on the other side based on finances.

Bob Lundholm will discuss this with Gifts and Memorials.

Jim Fredrick will take better pictures of Bay Village UMC as they have similar windows.

We also looked at a quote for blinds which Cliff Thielman had explored.

Custodial Issues

It's been suggested , since Jeff is now the custodian, that he be replaced as a closer by April.

It was suggested that Jeff, as custodian, be an ex-officio, non-voting member of trustees when his term as a trustee is up. It is advantageous to have him attend meetings.

Jeff mentioned the abundance of signs and posters throughout the church rather than in designated areas. A decision about this will be made at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Jan 4, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wilson, Secretary