

# GIFTS & MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting

September 14, 2011

The September meeting was attended by: Jeff Fesler, Gretchen Mates, Gerry Becker, Elinor Rowan, Ruth Herman, Kay AuWerter, David Brown and Bill Rittman.

The cash available for the remainder of 2011 was reviewed. With the \$10,000 obligated at July's meeting, the remaining balance is approximately \$18,000.

The veteran's plaque was discussed. A suggestion was made that we might use engraved bricks in the Celebration Garden for this purpose. This possibility must be investigated.

The request from the Education Committee for funds to pay for the bibles for the third graders was discussed. It was thought that these funds have been provided by individual gifts in the past. Since there has been no such gift received this year, it was agreed that G&M would provide the funds for these bibles.

The Worship Committee had requested \$300 for labor and materials for the new Easter parament made by Liz Frederick. Kay stated that this request had previously been discussed by G&M with the approval of \$200. This decision apparently had never been communicated to Les Buttolph for disbursing the funds. So it was again agreed to provide \$100 for materials and \$100 for Liz Frederick for her labor.

The request by Pastor Libby Kuntz for continuing education funds was discussed. The discussion centered on whether G&M should provide funds for this purpose and, if we do, should funding be unlimited or capped. There was also some discussion on the requirements for continuing education---who, how much---and the need to check on other funding/requirements with Staff/Parish and Les Buttolph. It was decided to table this issue until the December meeting.

The next issue for discussion was a request from the Trustees and Mary Kotnik for the replacement of a freezer in the kitchen. It was felt by some that the freezer replacement should be funded by the Trustees as that is their area of responsibility. However, due to reduced funding for all areas of the 2011 operating budget, it was decided to fund \$2,200 for a new freezer---the Centaur model recommended by Mary.

The final request to be discussed was the purchase of two flat screen televisions for use in the church. This was requested by the church staff so that there would be televisions on every level thereby eliminating a lot of moving between levels and eliminating the shortage of televisions that sometimes occurs on Sundays. During the discussion, the issue of safety was raised as flat screen televisions are not the most stable. The concern was that the televisions could fall during movement or if the stand is bumped which could lead to injury to someone. The addition of a third television to the request to serve as a rolling bulletin board was raised and discussed. It was felt that a television mounted in the lower lobby and used as a bulletin board would greatly aid people in determining the locations of meetings or events in the church. While it was agreed that the purchase of the requested televisions was a worthwhile expenditure of funds, it was decided to request additional information from the staff on the safety issues and their input on the television for a rolling message/bulletin board. This issue will then be finalized at the December meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM.