

Flagstaff Federated Community Church
Board of Trustees Minutes
February 24, 2009

Lowing Insurance Agency, Business Automobile Policy #
Church Mutual Certificate of Insurance, Umbrella Liability, Lowing Insurance Agency Policy #
(Master Policy under, Desert Southwest Conference)
Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER – by President, at 6:00 pm.

TRUSTEES & OTHERS PRESENT – 20 trustees and others were present.

TRUSTEES ABSENT – 2 trustees were absent (excused)

QUORUM PRESENT – 8 are needed according to the By-Laws – A quorum was present.

DEVOTION – The president shared a short devotional.

OPENING PRAYER – The pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- *Christians for the Earth* presented a request for the BOT's approval to apply for "Greening Congregation" status with *Earth Ministry*. Following discussion and questions, A member made the motion that Christians for the Earth submit the application. MSP Christians for the Earth will pay the \$250.00 fee. A guest presented a draft copy of a proposed environmental policy that Christians for the Earth want the board to adopt at a future date. A copy is on file in the church office.
- A guest presented her request to the BOT to become an *Inquirer* in the Presbyterian Church's *Preparation for Ministry* process. The pastor explained that the Presbytery will assign Brenda a liaison and that the BOT will ask a board member to act as a liaison from Federated. Following further testimony from her, A member made a motion that Federated support her in the *Inquirer* process of the Presbyterian Church. MSP
The pastor offered a prayer on Brenda's behalf as she continues in the *Preparation for Ministry* process.
- A member of the Personnel Ministry Team, shared a concern regarding the oversight of the church youth group both as a parent and as a member of the Personnel Team. Another member of the Personnel Ministry Team expressed the same concerns. They feel that oversight for youth activities is missing and that the Youth Advisory Board should be reinstated. This would be an outlet for discussion and support for youth activities and youth advisors. The matter will be discussed further at the next BOT meeting. The pastor thanked the guest for sharing his concerns.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – The pastor made the motion that the agenda be approved as written. MSP

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – A member made the motion to accept the minutes as written. MSP

- Regular BOT Meeting – January 27, 2009

CLERKS REPORT

- List of Ministry Teams was passed to check for additions or corrections. Copies will be distributed and available in the church office.
- The 2008 Year End Reports for the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church USA were presented. A motion was made by Craig Sidles to adopt the reports. MSP Copies will be filed in the Book of Minutes.
- A sign-up sheet for 2009-2010 Presbyterian Planning Calendars was passed around.
- Room 14 will be used during the week of March 23rd for training for the Decennial Census. A thank you note was received from the local census office.
- The Pudding Party was a wonderful outreach from the Muslim community and it is hoped that they will use Federated for further activities.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT

- Invitation to retirement reception for Sunshine Rescue Mission Director – 31 years service to Sunshine

Mission and Hope Cottage – held Sunday, February 15th

- Invitation was received to the Open House being given for the Fifth Anniversary of the FUSD Family Resource Center, Thursday, February 26th.
- Thank you note from Flagstaff Family Food Center - \$287.00, donation collected from free will offering at the Harvest Dinner.
- Thank you note from Flagstaff Family Food Center - \$250.00
- Thank you letter from Northland Family Help Center - \$357.75
- Thank you letter from FaithWorks - \$940.00 for 2008
- Thank you note for renewal of FaithWorks 2009 membership.
- Letter from United States E.P.A indicating that beginning April 2010, federal law will require contractors that are hired to perform renovation, repair and painting projects in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified. Work that disturbs lead-based paint must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.
- Letter from Habitat for Humanity of Flagstaff – launching a new program called Cars for Homes. They will take cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RV's and other vehicles – running or not - and sell them to raise funds that help build simple, decent homes. Three homes are currently being built in Sunnyside.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Karen Appleby – A written report is on file in the church office.

- A member made a motion that The Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines be adopted. MSP It was suggested that all outside groups using church facilities be given a copy and be encouraged to follow the “Rule of Three” – everything should be done in groups of at least three, at least two adults and a young person, or two young people and an adult. A letter from the church will accompany the guidelines.

MINISTRY TEAM PLANS, GOALS & ACTION REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – A written report by a member of B & G is on file in the church office. It was reported that a work day is planned for Saturday, February 28th for the B & G team members.

Fellowship – A written report by a member is on file in the church office.

Finance & Treasurer – The Treasurers' Report dated January 31, 2009 was presented by a member. There was a \$13,400.00 short fall in 2008. The team is questioning how to cover the projected short fall for 2009. Since the Patterson Fund is not available until released by the Presbytery, it leaves only Huncilman Funds. It is hoped that the BOT will approve the use of interest funds for building related purposes only. The month of January saw an increase in pledges but the insurance is due and larger than normal snow fall caused an unexpected increase in snow plow expenses.

Stewardship – A written report by a member is on file in the church office.

Personnel – A written report by a member is on file in the church office. She will work with the Program Director to set up guidelines for back ground checks of perspective employees and volunteers who work with children.

Worship & Music – A written report by a member is on file in the church office.

Church Promotion – A written report by a member is on file in the church office.

Outreach & Social Action – A member reported that the team did not meet last month.

Membership – A member made the motion to accept new members Jeff and Cheryl. They come by letter of transfer from Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church, Flagstaff, AZ. Jeff is Community Roll #506 and Cheryl is Community roll #507. Jeff & Cheryl have two young daughters.

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Elizabeth Dobrinski made the motion the accept the letter for request of transfer from Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Hillsborough, North Carolina, for Kenneth Lee Kotalik and Jennifer Marie Kotalik. Ken is Community Roll #495, since September 17, 2006 and Jen is Methodist Roll #960, since September 17, 2006. MSP

William Walter Crawford was baptized on Sunday, February 8, 2009. Billy is the infant son of Bill and Sharon Crawford and is Community Baptism #123. He was born January 23, 2008 in

Flagstaff.

With sadness, we report the death of Judith Krumm on January 30, 2009. Judy was Methodist Roll # 104 from March 29, 1953 until listed as inactive on September 17, 2002. Her service was conducted by Jed Schenck at Federated Church on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. The Fellowship Ministry Team provided a reception following the service.

Foundation Team – David Chin is gathering material on establishing a foundation and will begin meeting with the team soon.

Boy Scout Troop 31 – William Wilson reported that the Mexican Food Dinner was a huge success, all the food was gone, despite a big snow storm. This is the troops big fund raiser for the year.

Care, Discipleship – no reports

OLD BUSINESS

- Organ Fund Update – A written report by Rosie Holden will be filed in the Book of Minutes.
- The Purpose Driven Life funds (\$2,000.00) will not be transferred to the organ fund, (in memory of Ardeen Fredrick), until it can be confirmed with Michael and Amy Fredrick, who made the original donation to the Purpose Drive Life Fund.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PASTOR'S REPORT – Jed Schenck

- A Strategic Planning Team update: in response to Idea Cards submitted, there will be a greater distinction between 1st and 2nd services. It does create challenges to create a new order of worship. The music at 1st service will evolve into more instruments and vocal over time. Jed hopes to establish a worship team (different than the existing Worship & Music Ministry Team) to assist in setting up worship.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Nita Paden shared a list of some of Federated's amazing Purple Cows. We sure have a lot to "sneeze" about!

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER – was led by Jed Schenck.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk