

Flagstaff Federated Community Church

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

June 23, 2009

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Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, at Lenten Soup Suppers, and other special occasions.

CALL TO ORDER – at 6:05 pm by the President

TRUSTEES & OTHERS PRESENT – 13 Trustees, 2 staff

TRUSTEES ABSENT - Two trustees and one staff member excused

QUORUM PRESENT – 8 are needed according to the By-Laws.

OPENING PRAYER – was led by the Associate Pastor.

DEVOTION – was led by the President

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS –A presentation was made on the reconfiguration of the church sanctuary. An accounting was made of the current problems that exist in the church sanctuary and a list of possible solutions. The BOT expressed the following concerns and questions:

- Architectural help should be sought
- The open rafter concept is not part of the building style
- Padded pews were a part of the church in the past and caused problems because some people did not like them
- Pew pads will not retro-fit in the current pews
- Who will pay for the plans and information from contractors and architects
- Glare problem looking at the stained glass windows
- Choir behind the congregation
- Expense of the electrical changes that would be needed for lighting and moving the organ
- The church is on the National Historic Register.

It was requested that a committee be formed to explore costs and possibilities. Following discussion, a motion was made that a committee be formed. The committee should include a representative from Buildings & Grounds. MSP

- It was noted that Buildings & Grounds Team had recommended that no action be taken at this time. In the near future B&G will revisit the replacement of the sanctuary ceiling and they are discussing the repair/replacement of the main front doors. A trustee felt that there should be a common group of people that follow up and coordinate with all ministry team areas so that all ideas are coordinated and everyone is working together. This presentation should especially be shared with the Strategic Planning Team.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to accept the agenda as written. MSP

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular BOT Meeting – May 26, 2009 – A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. MSP
- Reception of New Members – May 24, 2009 – A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. MSP
- Called Meeting, for the Purpose of the Election of New Trustees – June 21, 2009 – Information Only

CLERK'S REPORT

- New copies of BOT 2009 names, addresses, email, and phone numbers
- Extra copies of BOT Meeting dates for 2009
- Sharing the interest inventory of the new member class
- There will be a July edition for the Bell Tower – articles should be submitted this week.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT

- Thank you note for a copy of Federated Church history.
- Letter sent to a daughter of members at Federated from 1956 to 1960. This is a Down Winders request for proof of residency.
- Thank you note from Mom's Club North - \$150 check included.

PASTOR'S REPORT – The Pastor is on vacation with his family.

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

The Associate Pastor highlighted July events: Pie Party in August to coincide with organ recital, Aramaic Way Workshop, Butterfly release, 4th Wednesday Prayer Shawl Ministry.

MINISTRY TEAM PLANS, GOALS, & ACTION REPORTS

Nominating Team Report – It was reported that a new Trustee was elected, at a Called Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 21st, to fill the unexpired term of a Trustee in the Class of 2011.

- The current Treasurer cautioned that a treasurer for next year should be chosen now and be a part of the Finance Team. The person would then be ready to take over in 2010.

Buildings & Grounds – a written report is on file in the church office. It was reported that the painting in the stairwell was completed last week.

Church Promotion – No meeting was held.

- The Pride in the Pines booth was a success with volunteers from church working in the booth. Some of the new members participated. The UU Fellowship and the Congregational Church also were present.

Outreach & Social Action - a written report is on file in the church office. A Trustee shared that the next big project is school supplies for South Beaver and Christensen schools. They will add Leupp School this year and begin to support 3 FUSD schools.

Finance & Treasurer –It was reported that the budget is already \$10,000 ahead in projected amount over last year. The caution is that 2008 was so far behind that this still does not make up for the loss.

- It was reported that the Finance Team and interested parties met with an investment broker to go over ideas that were given to the team. The recommendation will be discussed with the team at their next meeting.

Stewardship – It was reported that the team will meet again on August 13.

Foundation Team – It was reported that ways the congregation can contribute to the foundation will be publicized. In July there will be inserts for the bulletins.

Personnel – The team is beginning the process of doing background checks on those who work with children at the church. This includes volunteers and paid staff. The process will be paid for out of the Personnel budget.

Care – It was reported that 12 to 13 people receive Home Touch Letters weekly, weekly calls are made to a few people that have requested it, and one meal was served.

Lay Leaders – The Associate Pastor reported that she and a member will attend the UMC Annual Conference this week in Glendale.

Boy Scout Troop 31, Worship & Music, Discipleship – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Organ Fund Update – It was reported that all the criteria for the signing of the Phase II contract with the contractor have been met and the contract has been signed. The contract and check will be mailed this week. A copy of the contract is on file in the church office.
- Environmental Stewardship Policy – Following discussion a suggestions was made that the proposal will need a yearly review by Christians for the Earth, who should provide follow-up, cost benefit of suggestions, updates, activities, and other proposals. A motion was made that the proposal be accepted with the addition of the annual review by the Christians for the Earth. MSP
- Candidate – Preparation for Ministry – The candidate has supplied all her transcripts and appropriate paperwork. The Pastor will fill out the remaining paperwork and it will be submitted to Presbytery. The candidate will be traveling to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in October for their discovery weekends .

NEW BUSINESS - None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS - None
ADJOURNMENT
CLOSING PRAYER – Associate Pastor

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk