

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting February 10, 2015

Present: Jamie Watts, Duane Heiden, Clint Schuler, Brian Ebke, Scott Shreve, Mark Buell, Mike Buchardt, Gary Hailey, Dixi Wellman, Tim Sutter, and Sandy Blankenship.

Absent: Russ Harms, Brian Johnson

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Jamie moved and Duane seconded to approve the minutes of December meeting. Minutes approved.

Old Business:

- Tree trimming—additional tree trimming was done by **One Life Tree Service**. Cost was \$795, which was paid for by church member.
- Brian E. will look at the sink in kitchen on north wall. Not done yet.
- Window in parsonage study is rotting out. Tabled until spring.
- Bedroom window in parsonage is broken—will fix this. Brian E. will check on getting it repaired.
- Insurance adjuster came to check our roofs and found no damage to roofs. On the education wing, there is damage involving air conditioners. Brainerd's estimate was \$10,500. There was a \$3,000 deductible. The check has been received and deposited. Chuck Christensen may be able to help. Defer this to spring. There is also some gutter damage. The deductible is \$3,000 per occurrence.
- Sanctuary lights were replaced, but when checking map from last time bulbs were changed, the same ones from previous 6 months were the ones needing replacement. Need to check further.
- Trim in library and baseboard—will check with Tim on this.
- Ramp leading to the office entrance and associated sidewalks—will defer to spring. Tim Sutter will do this work. When Tim works on sidewalk out from Sunday School, said that city sidewalk needs repair. City will pay for one square if church replaces one.
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator) case has been installed. There will be training provided to some of the church members.
- The flag on the new Methodist sign was repainted.
- Choir loft renovation—32" required for wheelchair accessibility. Gary Hailey did some checking. We'll wait until the choir adjourns for the summer to look further into exactly what can be done. We have \$14,700 remaining in the elevator fund for sidewalk work, landscaping, and choir loft renovation. Sidewalk renovation would begin after Easter.
- Remaining painting in narthex was completed (while had the bucket lift).
- There was discussion on the lawn applications. Mark moved and Mike seconded to go with Tony's Lawn Service. Motion approved. Duane will talk to them about taking out one or two applications since we don't currently water the lawn.

- We discussed having underground sprinklers for south and west lawn areas. Duane will get an estimate.
- Dirt from construction (north of church) will be left for now. When we are done with sidewalks etc., then members or community members can have what they need.
- In December discussed insurance on Scrip: our insurance now covers up to \$5,000. Will cost \$174 if move it to \$10,000. No further discussion in February.

New business:

- Furnace filters were checked and replaced. In the old furnace room, one unit has some moisture around it, Mr. Christensen will check on this.
- Church custodian is now Sammy Binder.
- We needed to appoint Trustee members to work with the Parsonage Committee to come up with bids for the parsonage kitchen cupboards to be either refurbished or replaced. The two people appointed from Trustees were Brian Johnson and Sandy Blankenship. Brian Ebke, as Trustees Chair also serves on this committee.
- Jamie patched the walls by the back door (northwest corner). Once any sanding is done, Scott said he would paint this area.
- Clint Schuler donated a safe for the church.
- Brian will fix the stool in the women's bathroom and will look at the guest bathroom in parsonage too.

Other issues discussed:

The members of the Trustees visited the youth room, specifically to view the ceiling and what might be done with it. The lighting in this room needs to be improved as well. We will check into what asbestos removal would cost. May look at drop ceiling for possibly \$2,000. Gary and Brian E. will see what can be done with lights if put in drop ceiling and the options/costs of fixing youth room ceiling. Scott will attend upcoming home show and visit with asbestos removal people (re ceiling tile in youth room and tile in fellowship hall).

Church spring-cleaning will be prior to Easter Sunday.

Motion to adjourn by Duane, Jamie seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Blankenship, Secretary to Trustees

Next Meeting: April 14, 2015