

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 7:00 PM

- 1.) Meditation - Phil Johnson opened the meeting with two excellent passages.
- 2.) The Minutes from the 6/24/09 Council meeting were approved unanimously.
- 3.) Pastor Report: A very busy time for our senior Pastor: services for Phyllis Bosworth and Peter Orrall, and the services for Dennis's former wife at his previous church in Billerica.
 - Dennis will be on vacation from after Sunday services on August 2 and back on Monday August 24th.
 - Norman Bendroth will be covering pastoral duties.
 - Sermon Sunday, August 9th: Seavey Bowdoin
 - Sunday services, August 16th – Mission Trip crew.
 - Sermon Sunday, August 23rd – Phil Triffletti
 - Susan's office computer failing: Jeff installed additional memory and operation improved. 2Gig to be installed.
 - Stair railing near the 2nd floor elevator needs improvement. Edith Wendt will fund this project. Dennis will ask Bob Shorey to arrange for the work. Hinge work on two Tower Day doors and required fence repair work will also be requested.
 - A \$5,000 donation to start the heating and cooling system repairs was made by Barbara McCormick. Dennis will send a thank you letter.
- 4.) Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, September 27 2009 at 11:00 a.m. All leaders are urged to get their annual reports in very early in September!
- 5.) Nominating Committee Status Update.
 - Jeff Law said that the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions are still open.
 - Other open positions include: Education Chair, two Diaconate positions, Delegates, and Auditors. The current Auditors will be urged to collect their audit of the church finances prior to Annual Report.
 - Parish Council nominated positions include: Church Historian: Mary "Pinky" Warnock, Church Membership: Edith Richard, Safe Church: Frank Scott.
 - Gage Whittier was unanimously approved as a member of Membership Ministries.
- 6.) Financial Update
 - Treasurer Report: the 12- month actual was very much in line with projections. As we close out the fiscal year, the deficit is looking to be around \$17,782.
 - Financial Secretary Report: No report
 - Planned Giving Update: No report
- 7.) Christian Education Report: Barbara Langill
 - In May Jeff Langill, Perry Hayden, and Denise Weaver attended intensive training for the OWL program [Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for grades 7-9]. After monthly planning sessions, the OWL will be offered in September 2010. They are looking for another male instructor for the Program: please contact Barbara Langill.
 - May 30th: End of year celebration

- June 7th: Rotation Sensation volunteers recognized for their continuing excellent service to Centre Church.
- Vacation Bible School held June 29-July 2: 16 participants and 9 instructors. VBS raised just under \$300 and funded the Mission Trip bus to Logan Airport.
- The Mission Trip leaves Sunday August 2 @ 6:30 AM with 19 youth and 5 adults. A Commissioning Service for the Mission Trip participants was held on Sunday July 26th.
 - Fund raisers including Mary McCarthy Boston Red Sox ticket donation totaled \$7,726
 - Missions donation \$5,000.

8.) Ministry Team Reports

- Outreach Ministries: No report
- Membership Ministries: End of Summer Lobster Fest and Cook Out August 30th @ 4 PM – See Tower Notes article and attached sign up form. Membership recommends that members should support Peking and the Mystics, Chris Parker's noted a cappella group, who will be playing in the late afternoon at Woodman's on Sunday August 2nd and Sunday August 23rd.
- Education Ministries: Perry discussed the 3-day intensive training sessions for the OWL Program attended by Jeff Langill, Perry Hayden, and Denise Weaver. The program will have 20-1 and ½ hour sessions starting in September, 2010. The OWL Program objective is to Make Good Choices and it will be offered to Grades 7 and 8. Jeff, Denise, and Perry will meet monthly during the upcoming year to plan for the Program. The Motion to approve the Program preparation and planning with implementation in 2010 was passed unanimously.
- Diaconate: Linda reported that the August 2nd Communion Service will be led by Karen and Paul Harrington.
 - Website management: Linda is working to get the August Tower Notes up on the Church website. Parish Council approved loading Tower Notes in .pdf format.
- Stewardship Ministries: No Report
- Finance Ministries: Phil Johnson – See below:

Update on T-Mobile Lease: Phil – T-Mobile conducted a contractor walk through of Centre Church for the cell site project on Tuesday July 20th. T-Mobile will review bids and award the job shortly. The contractors are eager to start. The project will require a new electrical service and T-Mobile may install that in advance of contractor work. The electric service installation will begin the \$1,500 per month rental agreement. It was discussed that other cell companies may approach Centre Church once the T-Mobile site is up and working.

Heating/AC Systems: The \$5,000 Barbara McCormick provides seed funding to start this project. Replacement of the two oil boiler off Todd Hall with new gas units will costs approximately \$2,500. Replacement of the two non-functioning natural gas furnaces with new units would be \$7,500. These units heat the sanctuary, the narthex, and the fireside rooms. Replacement of the very old AC unit off Todd Hall, that provides AC to the second floor office areas, would be \$3,500. This totals \$13,500. This work must be done before the winter season hits. A final replacement project cost proposal will be brought to Council shortly for review and approval.

Carpet Replacement in the Main Hall: Phil received quotes to replace the aging, stained, and wrinkled carpet in the hallway from the Chapel entrance through to the Narthex. Quotes included adding new plywood sub-floor and installing VCT tile in the entire hallway. The cost would range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Council asked that quotations for replacement with industrial carpet, to reduce noise, be sought to compare pricing. Currently there is no funding for this project.

Centre Church Clean up Day: A major clean up day has been scheduled for **August 8 @ 8 AM** to clean out Richards Hall, the boiler off Todd Hall, and the custodian's office and gas furnace room off the Kitchen. Front lawn shrub trimming is also included. We are looking for 30 people for this major clean up effort. Come to work and bring your friends and your friends kids.

NEXT MEETING:

Next regular meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM; meditation by Linda Ladd.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Cotting