

Vermont Church Council Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 2009

Present: Jill Stone-Brisky, Bill Kennedy, Klover Schafer, Patty Herrling, Peter Antonie, Pastor Chad. Greg Herrling of Building Committee joined us.

Absent: Bonnie Dauck, Jon Urness, Gary Olsen and Scott Berger.

Devotions: Pastor Chad led us in devotions.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from July reviewed and approved. (Jill, Bill).

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and approved. (Klover, Jill).

Building Project: Peter Antonie opened the discussion with these questions: 1. Should we build it? 2. What is our Intent? 3. What is our eventual goal? (Sunday School wing/Shelter House?). He then asked us to consider where we are on the decision: Not Ready Yet to Full Decision to Move Ahead.

Greg Herrling of the Building Committee reviewed costs. Because of the need for a 1 foot frost wall around the building, which would cost around \$20k. the cost for the building will be about \$60k as planned.

Discussion by council about it's use as a more casual chapel/fellowship hall and could be used for a variety of ministries. (see list) . The decision was also made to complete the project if approved in the spring of 2010 rather than now. The council concluded to make recommendation to the congregation to build a building east of the church building to increase our ability to serve our members and to reach out to others. We will ask for the approval to move forward and get back to the congregation with details.

Motion made that the Council accepts the Building Committee's recommendation to move forward with construction of an outdoor facility and recommends it to the congregation to vote on August 9 meeting to accept the plans to move forward. (Klover, Bill).

The Council thanked the Building committee for their work.

Pastors Report: (Please see attached report.)

New Members were accepted by Council. (Patty, Jill).

Defer future planning to next meeting. September meeting for brainstorming; October meeting to narrow down. Reviewed areas of focus from January 2009 meeting.

Other Business: Patty reported that \$408.35 has been raised for Habitat House from the can collection and offering, and that the Endowment Fund may contribute also.

Endowment Fund gave \$200 to Pastor Shep's Ukraine project. Pastor Chad was asked what the needs are for his mission trip to Ontario. He said that private donations had come in; perhaps meals for him and Kim J. would be needed.

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.