

Swansboro United Methodist Church

Trustees' Minutes

April 4, 2018

Monthly Meeting

Present: John Freshwater, Cathy Harris, Bonnie Bihary, John W. Lee, Paul Williams, Karen Shipp, Phil Keagy, Janet Morgan, Mel Guss

Absent: Rick Scroggs, Tom Scholl, Ken Raper,

Guest: Andrew Harper, Bill Cunningham, Ray Bihary

- John Freshwater called the meeting to order and John Lee gave the opening prayer.
- Bill Cunningham is seven weeks out from surgery, he saw doctor recently and was told to continue therapy. Bill reported that elevators were inspected; one violation and it has already been resolved. Building #3 had outside lights out, we changed them to LED lights, should last much longer. Building #1 front stairway had light in hall changed to LED also. There was a strong odor, in Building #3 on Sunday, just after breakfast. Emergency units were called, bathrooms were cleaned and by then odor was gone. A plumber was called. Bathrooms appear to be the cause. Theory was that drains and toilets need to be used and flushed more often, so that odors do not back up. John Lee questioned whether or not room is properly vented.
- Andrew Harper was at meeting to request doors to be placed between jr high and senior high classrooms. Noise from one distracts other. Need doors with glass inserts for Safe Sanctuary benefit. Andrew has one bid, from Atlantic Glass, we thought it better to get at least one more bid. Andrew will request a second bid, maybe Southern Glass.
- Discussed bids for new hvac unit in Fellowship Hall. Piedmont, \$19,827; Climate Control, \$19,775; Jacksonville, \$20,600. There is about \$152,000 worth of old units that will need replacing in the near future. Many complaints against Jacksonville H&C. Piedmont has glowing references, John Freshwater will check several references, many are churches in our district. Phil is disappointed with Finance, and the fact that they have not given us enough money to do the repairs and replacements that are needed. Paul thinks that we will get better

service from Piedmont. John Lee feels that we need a full package because we have many units to be working properly. Can we pay Piedmont quarterly? John Lee reminded us that older units need cleaning more often and more regular checkups.

Reminder: John Freshwater to call references from Piedmont and email all of us.

- Barnum House status: Demolition requires approval from Conference. Scott is to handle.
- Building #3 Chairs: Many need repairs. Problem: they were assembled by volunteers, not schooled in proper use of tools, so consequently the chairs are not holding up like they should. Paul Williams will check the chairs out, to determine how many can be repaired and how many need to be replaced. John Lee to help.
- Paul to talk to Lance about ASP kids doing projects around campus.
- Carmonlene Anderson fell on Easter, in the choir loft. We need a handrail down center for balance as members ascend or descend in the choir. Tom Scholl or Roger Fulp will be asked to check on where we might locate a handrail. Steps need to be marked.
- Do we need a full-time custodian? This is being explored.
- Worship is asking about their need for storage and a "parlor". Abby Young's group uses a large room; how much do they actually use it. Could they move to a smaller room?
- Janet recommended that when we do parking lots or sooner, that we install speed bumps near playground area. People are driving way too fast. Maybe signs that say "Slow, Child Play Area" or something like that.
- John F. will call about status of parking lot paving, sealing and striping.
- John Lee closed us with prayer at 8:15 pm.

If you have any corrections or comments, please contact John Freshwater or Bonnie Bihary