

Minutes of First Churches Board of Trustees
February 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Peg Whitham, chair, at 6:30. Present were Pastor Todd Weir, Bill McGhee, Marcia Kennick, Bill Ames, Wendy Williams, Ned Judd, Peg Whitham, and Margie Riddle.

Bill Ames made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Swain Educational Fund of \$133,807 is now held in the church's endowment as a Baptist portfolio. A committee of four representing Trustees (Marcia Kennick), Board of Education (Angie Montalvo-Green), At-Large (Sue Stone) and Pastor Todd Weir will administer the fund with an expected annual interest income of \$4,436.

Energy Conversion Fund - \$30,000 was transferred to the principal of the loan leaving \$2,470.50 remaining in the fund.

Building

Women's/Handicapped Men's Room - Peg has written an article for the Messenger explaining the use of this room. Todd suggested we do a walk through to consider signage needs including, perhaps, temporary signs for events. The staff can then take care of making and posting the sign. Ned and Wendy will do the walk-through with Todd.

Snow Removal on Center Street remains a problem. Todd will ask Ernie to see what he can do to interact with plow staff and Bid employees to address the situation.

Parking Situation - no progress has been made. We have not heard back from our new City Councilor, Gina-Louise Sciarra.

Hand Dryers are still being researched.

Safety of shaft in basement and new furnaces - Peg will talk to Ernie about barricading the shaft to the basement and enclosing the new furnaces and installing additional smoke alarms in the basement.

New Room usage contracts have been sent out (which clearly state no food or drinks allowed in the Sanctuary).

New Business

Office Copy Machine - will not last forever. The Board agreed that Vanessa should research requirements for a replacement copier when it is needed.

Drinks in the Sanctuary - It was agreed that this is not a problem that needs to be addressed at this time within the congregation.

Tiffany Window Committee - Todd and Donna are putting together a committee that will include a number of trustees that will be brought to Council for ratification.

Heating System - Bill will contact Richards to see if the system needs to be worked on because it appears that the radiators are getting air bound and needing adjustment regularly.

Next Meeting will be March 12