

Buildings and Grounds - June 2, 2015

Present:

Donna, Jack, Vassie, Ann, Agata, Radec, Katrin and Cheryl

Sextons:

Pew in the Sanctuary

All finished

Sink in the bathroom in the Narthex

All fixed

Porch

Screwed down but due to weather Radec couldn't paint prior to the wedding, therefore he will touch up for the wedding and paint later

Wedding

Radec will cut the grass on Friday and trim on Thursday. The wedding planner seems very happy with NUCS and is very nice, according to Gina.

Parking on the Driveway

Folks are parking on the driveway again. No parking Fire Lane. Katrin will talk with Geraldine about putting that in the newsletter.

Heating unit in the meditation room

The meditation room has continued to be hot and would not shut off. Apparently it needed a new part (valve?) and it will be installed on June 3.

Lawn Mower

All fixed and working fine. We will try to find a less expensive place in case we need work on it next year.

Vacation

Agata and Radec have asked for 5 weeks vacation to go to Poland starting on August 2. They will ask Phyllis if a few of the CWTKs will take care of cutting the lawns. Agata and Radec thought that maybe they would clean as well but there is one wedding, so far, during that time period. B&G felt that we need to have a good cleaning for any weddings. Agata and Radec will take care of finding someone and will also ask CWTK if they would clean some of the time.

Garden Shed

Gina said it is scheduled to be delivered on June 17th. She will take care of having the dumpster removed.

Barn/Garage at the Parsonage

Radec is cleaning out the Barn – lots of stuff! Gina will take the lawn mowers etc. to the Hartland dump in her pick up. Radec will make use of the dumpster as long as its here.

Permaculture Group:

Anne and Anne came to our meeting to let us know the design planned for the backyard. Anne M. received a grant from the UU's. For this grant, the permaculture group will will need to raise \$1000 from Faithify and \$1000 from sales as well as make a documentary of the classes that Anne is giving. Almost everything requested is complete. The permaculture group will be installing stands of Butternut trees (near the broken tree), several kinds of berry bushes (beyond the pizza oven) and high bush blueberry bushes (along the wall by the Nursery School). The permaculture group will be installing 2 rain barrels near the back stairs at the Parsonage with a gutter. They also discussed carving out a hole in the pine tree stump for a bird bath. Thank you, Anne and Anne, for keeping B&G posted on your exciting progress.

Pine Tree:

Timber Tenders had volunteered to take down a tree on the driveway for free. When they come, Jack will also ask them to take the tree that has split in half on the other side of the lawn as well.

Gutter over handicap ramp:

Robin may install the gutter but he has contacted Wyley Gutters to understand what is needed. Jack will follow up.

Railing in choir loft:

The new pipe railing will be finished in approximately 2 weeks, according to Jack.

Geraldine's shade:

Gina completed the installation.

Kitchen baskets and pitchers:

Donna has ordered them but we need a donation to help pay for them.

Facilities Committee – a new task force:

Ann and Jack are on the committee. They are looking at utilization of all the room/spaces in the Church – capacity/do they need work/nursery school space/young families and RE. Their mandate is to give 3 recommendations – low, medium and high end. In our long range plan we are trying to be carbon neutral as a #1 priority. Therefore, Jack said, that all of our insulation projects will be included.

Daniel's Celebration:

Gina said that no permits were needed. She will call the fire department on Friday to make sure they know that we are having a fire on Saturday.

Other Business:

Gina requested that we read the minutes at the beginning of each meeting. It is a good way to make sure that we are all doing what we said we would do.

Norwood took Gina and Geraldine through the Sanctuary to explain the sound system. It is now in writing in the office and Gina has a copy.

Gina would like us to discuss at our next meeting the NUCS Best Practices, which were given to us at our last meeting. Gina will send them out to everyone prior to the next meeting so that B&G will have a chance to review.

Nursery School – Donna will reach out to the Nursery School to see if they are taking the playground. B&G felt that it would be a really good addition to help with young families.

Next meeting will be July 7th at 6:30 in the Social Hall.