

Buildings & Grounds
Minutes - July 26, 2017

Sexton's Report

Radek reported that he replaced the screens in the back porch of the parsonage and fixed the door knob on one of the doors. He sanded and repainted the iron railing on the front porch of the sanctuary. It should be noted that tape should not be used to secure posters or notices to any painted surfaces.

He has been checking the bucket in the attic that he placed under the hole in the sanctuary roof (over narthex where vent exits building). This is where he applied the foam insulation in an attempt to fill hole, but apparently it's not working completely because the bucket is collecting some water.

Radek leaves for Poland on Sunday and will be away for one month. During that time period, we will get someone to do the mowing - George will ask Duffer Cole if he is interested in the job and if he is we'll contract with him to mow once/week or every 10 days. Since we have an old and testy mower, probably best not to give the responsibility to a CTWK member.

Gina asked Radek and Agata to put together a list of top priorities for maintenance in the parsonage. She feels that there has been a lot of deferred maintenance on the house and it's outbuildings. Radek mentioned some rotten beams in both the garage and on the back porch. There is a leak in the roof over this porch.

Old Business

The wood stove for parsonage has been chosen and is being ordered this week. It is a Regency Hampton Cast Iron stove - H-300 - from Upper Valley Stove Co. Gina will write an ad for selling the old Vt Castings Vigilant stove.

We haven't heard back from Jason Cayer about the emergency lighting, so Gina will give him another call.

We now have the money from the Vt./Quebec Grant and it's ready for the purchase of the audio visual equipment

Gina will pursue the purchase of new carpet runner and rug for narthax and sanctuary.

On June 21st, Dean Morgan of Hydro Wash in So Royalton washed the front of the Sanctuary - the cost was \$350.

New Business

Budget for 2018 was discussed. The difference in the cost of oil is negligible, so that number can remain the same. Since several maintenance issues will be addressed by the work that is being done with monies from the Capital Campaign, the budget can stay the same for regular items in Buildings and Grounds, with the additional \$3,500 (grounds) for a lawnmower to replace the 30 year old one we're using now.

Gina shared with the committee some info from her meeting with Michael Stoner and Anne Dean on the priorities for phase one of the big project.

In discussing these improvements and their possible outcomes, the committee members agreed that it was best to delay the decision on new flooring for the foyer until after the other work is done. We're hoping that what was in budget for 2017 can be carried over to 2018, so that this expense can come from our funds and not the capital campaign funds.

A notice for the new parking regulations for Rte 4 during winter months will be posted later in the year - for October Quest. Also before Tom Havill begins work on the east side of the Sanctuary where the driveway is, a notice should go to the congregation.

Don Ransom will prepare a piece of lumber- cut, prime and paint and drop off at Anything Printed for them to create our new minister's sign !

Turning Trash to Treasure - Backyard Composting NUCS is co-sponsoring a Composting Workshop with Cat Buxton at NWPL on Wednesday, August 16th at 7pm.

A scheduled work day for cleaning out the parlors: Tuesday, August 22nd. Don and Gina and anyone else who can help that day.

Our next meeting is a POT LUCK Committee Cafe on Tuesday, September 9. Meeting at 5pm, dinner at 6:30

Submitted by Gina Auriema
in Vassie's absence