

Building and Grounds - Minutes
December 7, 2016

Present: Don, Jack, Gina & Vassie

Sexton's Report

Agata and Radek reported that the kitchen floor and one bathroom floor have been refinished (waxed) and that the Social Hall floors will be done when the CTWK's dinners are over in the spring. Boards have been placed over the vents to protect them from snow. The lightbulbs on both out door light-posts (walkway to the office), keep going out and being replaced once a month. The suggestion was to purchase and try one more different type of bulb for outdoor use before we call the electrician in to take a look.

A few days ago, Agata sent us a report on the state of the parsonage chimney. The chimney inspection by Chimney Savers found that the lining is cracked. The proposed cost of repairing it will be \$2,680.

There is also a problem of having only one flue serving both the wood stove and the furnace. Regulations require that each unit has its own flue. Jack will consult with Dead River Co. to explore possibilities for creating two flues.

Vassie will contact Sherry Belisle to clarify who is in charge for cleaning the altar and chalice area.

Minutes of the October meeting were read.

Old Business

Driveway has been regraded with additional hard pack. Top soil was added to the edges of the new walkway and the area was seeded. Unwanted items from the building and garden shed have been taken to the dump, thanks to Gina and Don. Don checked out prices on a wool runner for the sanctuary, they run about \$50 per foot.

New Business

Act 148 on mandatory composting will be enacted this summer, and Gina proposed the creation of a three bin system for recycling kitchen scraps and educating our members on the importance of recycling.

Gina is hoping to meet with Phyllis and the CTWKs to go over the rules and regulations of the kitchen and social hall use before the start of their Wednesday dinners.

The major project for 2017 will be to refinish the sanctuary floor and purchase a new runner. Don will bring a couple of contractor's names to our January meeting so that we can start the process of getting estimates.

Many thanks to Donna Durgin for organizing the wreath making and the church decoration. Many thanks also go to Gina for donating the Christmas tree.

Ann Wynia has asked if we can donate the folding wooden chairs to the Pomfret Prosper Community, and the committee has agreed to do so. These chairs are some that Daniel found and brought to us, but have not really found a purpose here.

A couple of church members have expressed concern of the visual appearance of the welcome sign on the entrance of the building.

Gina will write the committee's report for the annual meeting January 29.
The committee discussed how to recognize and express our appreciation for the sextons.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30pm in the minister's office.

Minutes written by Vassie Sinopoulos