

## Buildings & Grounds

January 6, 2015

Present: Gina Auriema, Donna Durgin, Vassie Sinopoulos, Jack Nelson,

Gina read the minutes of the December meeting.

Old Items: The main B&G responsibility for the month of December was getting the wreaths made and the sanctuary decorated (tree up) for Christmas. All went well, although Donna mentioned that it's too bad that more folks don't volunteer to help with this. Decided that in the future it would be best to solicit specific folks and put together a team. Next year, with Daniel gone the responsibility of cutting a tree will fall on someone else. We will have to find someone to take that responsibility.

Donna said that she would call Robin Kempson to remind him that he still has to put up the gutter over the ramp in front of Sanctuary. This has been dragging on for months!

Sexton's Report: Agata reported that winter is here! So far thermostats are working well and the room temps are comfortable. There have been a few cases when the driveway wasn't sanded properly or in time for service and/or events. Also this last Sunday the walkway in front of the church was not shoveled or salted in time for the service at 10am Gina will speak to Bruce Shultz (driveway) and JSM Summer & Winter Maintenance (Gerry Murphy 457-2058) (walkways) to remind them of the importance of timing!

Also Agata reported that the sewer pump alarm continues to be set off periodically – usually around heavy bathroom and kitchen use.

New Business: Jack's recommendations for 2015 Capital projects - Remove pine tree, build a storage closet in narthex and insulate attics. Some of us would like some interior painting done, but it was suggested that we not over whelm the budget by asking for too much.

At Lynn Peterson's request we are considering the electrification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century clock in the sanctuary. The majority of us feel that we should go ahead with the modernization. Charles Sjobeck the antique clock expert who has serviced this clock in the past could complete the project for \$120. Jack will talk to him and have the work done.

Jack mentioned that Lauren Wilder will not be doing her Hand in Hand dinners this winter because she has fallen on the ice and broken a leg. Also it seems that her kitchen crew has lost energy and several have had to quit.

Change the World Kid's Wednesday's dinner resume this week.

Annual Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Next Buildings & Grounds meeting – Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Auriema