

Buildings & Grounds  
Minutes May 17, 2017

For Special Board Notice: It is our policy that tables from Social Hall do not go out on loan. This policy was established years ago when the new tables were purchased to replace the old wooden ones. The reason being that it would cause too much wear and tear and we wouldn't have enough control over how they would be treated or used or even returned!! The tables are not to be used outside.

Welcome Spring!

Sexton's Report - Agata reported that Radek had applied a spray foam insulation to fill the hole around the vent pipe that exits the Sanctuary roof as a temporary fix until a professional roofer can apply a metal roof flange around the pipe. In the meantime, this should prevent water from getting through. He also replaced light bulbs that were out in sanctuary and installed new hinges on the step going up to the alter. He will put out flower boxes as Donna requested so that she can fill them

Radek has requested permission to purchase a bag to attach to mower that catches grass clippings. They usually have to rake after each mowing.

Minutes from April meeting read and approved.

Old Business

Gina has found a wood stove for the parsonage at Upper Valley Woodstove Co. in Lebanon NH. When that is purchased and delivered, Top Hat Chimney will be able to come back and install. They will insulate the chimney liners at that time.

Jason Cayer, our electrician has taken a look at the emergency lights and determined that it might make sense to replace not only the batteries, but the light bulb and battery, so that we have new technology (LED lights) He is working on an estimate.

Vassie spoke to Phyllis about the large piece of equipment that the CTWK's have stored in our shed. She assured us that if they don't get permission to set it up where they are intending to, that it will be removed from the shed. Soon.

Gina replaced the handle on the toilet in the Narthex which had been causing some trouble.

Vt/Quebec Grant - Gina explained that although we had decided at our last meeting to put the money towards phase one of the facilities improvement, the decision was made to put the money towards communication technology. ( i.e. a projection and screen) Anne Macksoud researched what might best accommodate our needs and came up with a recommendation for equipment to purchase.

Jack and Gina met to review the new model for the Rental Policy and made appropriate changes and updates. Gina now has to meet with Geraldine and get her input before putting into final form.

Gina and Vassie with the help of her son Daniel , joined forces to do some yard cleanup before the pizza party during Candidate Week. George Wohlgemuth's crew finished off the work by coming back during the week to mechanically sweep the stones and hard pack out of grass, till the soil and reseed. The new lawn looks fantastic!

Saturday, May 20th is Clean Up Day. Gina is planning to recruit Mark and together they'll paint the pizza oven pavilion that afternoon.

#### New Business

Jack reported on the Town Trustee's meeting which he attended on May 9th regarding the parking on Rte 4 in front of church on Sunday mornings. The Trustees voted to ban parking on Sunday mornings during church service on the opposite side of Rte. 4 from November 15th to April 15th.

There was more discussion around the sign that has been placed on the front of our Sanctuary by the Welcoming and Engagement Committee. Rick Fiske has contacted Gina about the sign getting an additional part which would be two decals, both announcing that we are a welcoming and inclusive church honoring all human rights. One is the rainbow flag- and the other, the Blue and yellow flag. The B&G committee is pretty much in agreement that the sign attached to the front of the building does not honor the simplicity and balance of the front of the Sanctuary and that we might still want to consider other solutions to announcing that we are an inclusive, welcoming congregation. (we also don't like to put screw holes into the clapboards)

Ralph came up with a possible solution; he suggested that maybe the flag decals would be better placed if they were on the big sign where folks could see them from the road and before they got onto the porch. Gina will meet with Rick to discuss this and share our ideas and opinion

The committee acknowledged Polly and Jack for their good work in maintaining the little garden under the sign. It always looks so nice and it was especially nice this year at Easter to have flowers there. Also thanks to Donna Durgin for her continued involvement in decorating the Sanctuary for Easter and for filling the flower boxes on the front porch of Sanctuary.

Gina will get in touch with Ham Gillet to ask if he would give a workshop for recycling and composting

Speaking of composting - Gina pulled out the first bucket full of composted organic matter and applied it to one of the gardens

We discussed the policy around loaning out the tables. Noted above

Next meeting is June 6th at 5pm prior to the Committee Cafe.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gina Auriema  
in Vassie's absence