

Minutes – United Church of Strafford Trustee Meeting – June 19, 2016

Present: Kerry Claffey, John Echeverria, John Hawkins

The meeting was convened at 11:35am. It was held on the very pleasant Echeverria/Pratt porch in order not to conflict with the Burden's Vow Renewal service taking place in the church at the same time.

Let the Minutes reflect how greatly the Trustees miss the wisdom, humor, and good nature of our fellow Trustee, Ned Coffin, who passed away in late April.

The Minutes from the April 3rd, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

We discussed the new Music Director position, to be filled by Annemieke McLane and whether it should be a salaried position or a contracted position. After discussion, we decided to offer it as a salaried position and the preliminary contract that John E is going to draw up will reflect this decision. This will add 7.35% to the budgeted cost of the program.

John H reported that Dori had offered to look into getting someone in town to do an audit for us. So far this hasn't yielded any results. Kerry will continue to try and contact his acquaintance in (Windsor?), John E will check with Deirdre Goodrich at Nathan Wexler, and John H will speak with CPA's and some non-profit people he knows.

We began to discuss the 2016-2017 budget. Kerry will get John H an Excel version of the budget to use as a worksheet for planning. We agreed that the Music Director position funds should be moved into a line item for the Music Director and not sit in the Mannheim Fund and that the yearly \$2000 contribution to the Mission Committee from the Endowment needs to be reflected in the budget. John H will look at the health insurance cost estimates from a year ago (before we hired Lynn) and work up a cost estimate for a half-time pastor position, including health care, at Lynn's current rate. The discussion will continue with the planning worksheet...

We discussed the Parsonage property line, hiring Jimmy Kendall to plow the Parsonage next year, and looking for records that will allow us to determine the location of the property line between the Parsonage and Jill Michael's house.

We had an inconclusive discussion of Trustee succession

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm and the Trustees walked over to look at the property line between the church and the Knoerlein residence.

Submitted by John Hawkins