

FUSW Board of Trustees Minutes

July 25th, 2018

Present:

Greg Shunick, president; Michael Carman, v.p.; Bill Reynolds, treasurer; Kevin Weber, recording secretary; Irene Jong; Rob Politzer; Jane Lawrence; with Carol Ehler present from Comm. on Ministry.

Absent: Peggy Clarke and Tracy Brenneman.

Minutes from June 27th mtg. were approved with one correction: bottom line on financial report should read, "budget," not "income" in remarks.

Bill Reynolds reported a healthy bottom line with the caveat that we didn't have the expense of a full-time administrator.

Insurance report: We need to pay our premium asap--it's due Aug. 10th. Discussion re: lowering our premium now and research a replacement cost policy which would include a free appraisal. No action taken except for agreeing to pay premium due now.

William McEvoy memorial: No discussion

Solar panels: Brief discussion, no definitive statement.

Cemetery plot: Discussion led by Rob involving creative approaches to burials: cremate and memorialize with tree plantings.

Repaving: Discussion involved estimates on permeable, semi-permeable or conventional paving. This discussion will continue with Finance when specific numbers come in. Rob is the point person on this project, although it's not formally stated as such.

Sprain Brook-Jackson Ave. drainage project: Jane Lawrence reported on continuing discussions with Greenburgh. Town with a grant from New York State will commence repairs within 6 months. State grant is \$1.5 million, Town will contribute between 4-5 million, TBD. Our concerns are usual complications during a large project. Jane is staying in touch with people that can inform us of this situation. Rob suggested we ask the town if any monies can support us in our own mitigation plans (see repaving discussion above).

Nominating Comm. Kevin reports Pedro is out of town; he will call Ewa within the week.

Irene offered to help Bill by following up with Barbara regarding the Commercial Sexual Misconduct Coverage Renewal Questionnaire.

Barbara replacement: Peggy and Tracy are searching for a replacement.

Listening Conversations: This discussion led into NEW ITEMS. Board agreed we need to be approachable, perhaps on a regular basis. Also, the entry hallway should be more inviting: more color, more signage. Process of welcoming new members and the follow-up needs to be articulated and perhaps amended. Michael showed enthusiasm in creating a "Bulletin Board" environment that would inform congregation and motivate. There was discussion around a live-stream sermon and a more robust technology piece that attracts a wider audience. The problem of volunteerism was raised in conjunction to all these ideas. Finally, Discussion of the first Scoop ensued, the agreement that it should be published first week after Labor Day. Ingathering (Sept. 9th) and other events should be promoted by board members before services. Mtg. adjourned 9:40pm