

Laconia Congregational Church Property & Finance Minutes – April 8, 2008

Present: Dave Coddington, Chairperson, Bob Hunt, Jan Forsberg, Ray Vercoe, Don Clarke, Treasurer, Clara Turner, Linda Normandin, Craig Shippee, and Warren Boutin.

Minutes: March 11, 2008 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Don Clark reviewed the income and expense report compared to the budgeted amounts, year to date through March 2008. He answered questions and provided details on the significant variances.

Next, Don informed the committee he had a request from Laurence Leonard asking the Congregational Church to transfer the Agnes Chase Scholarship Fund, established back in 1979 by Mr. Leonard, to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. There was a fair amount of discussion on the funds' current principal balance of \$3,100 at Laconia Savings Bank compared to the original contribution of \$5,000. Clara provided historical information on the limited amount used over the years for seminary scholarships. Warren explained to the Committee that this was a gift to the Church back in 1979 and it was a Church decision on how to handle the funds going forward. Given the small amount of money in the fund, Warren was not opposed to having the funds transferred to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. The Committee agreed and,

A motion to move the Agnes Chase Scholarship Fund of \$3,100 to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cushions & pews: Nothing new to report on these topics. Linda offered to check out the condition of the cushions and report back at the next meeting. Craig & Ray will check out the finish on the pews and report back at the next meeting.

Fan Cleaning/ Electrical Inspection: Dave is waiting to hear back from a company, Thos. P. Egan Inc. Church Restorations to see if they are an option to use and at what cost. After further discussion it was agreed that Ray should ask electrician Gary Drake for a recommendation.

Roof Leaks: Nothing new to report. The snow has melted off the roof which will allow Craig and Ray to check out the situation and report back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastors Report: Warren updated the Committee on the Church office break in which occurred sometime between Sunday and Monday. A laptop and approximately \$190 in cash was removed from the office. Damage occurred to a window, the door to the office and an office cabinet. The incident was reported to the police and insurance company.

New Video System: The Video Policy, provided for informational purposes only, was reviewed. Discussion followed in regards to the editing of the service and the individuals trained to record the services.

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Organ Replacement Cost: Dave informed the Committee that Bob Bengston submitted a letter on the Organ Replacement Cost of \$592,000 for insurance purposes.

Other Items: Craig indicated that he is in possession of the shade for the parsonage side door which will be installed when time permits. And as far as our “Go Green” effort, he has a solar audit kit which he’ll complete and submit.

A list of items was compiled to be submitted to the Church Cabinet by Dave that have a significant financial cost and need be addressed at some point. The four items included were paving the Church’s parking lot and the parsonage driveway; landscaping; the front door to the Church; and covering the Parish Hall’s asbestosis tile.

Next meeting: May 13, 2008 @ 7:00 pm Opening: Linda Normandin Closing: Craig Shippee

Collections of Offering:

- **April – Ray Vercoe**
- **May – Dave Coddington**
- **June – Clara Turner**

Next Coffee Hours: May 11 and July 6

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Normandin, Secretary