

Laconia Congregational Church
Trustees Minutes – October 10, 2006

Present: Dave Coddington, Gert Gove, Craig Shippee, Bob Hunt, Clara Turner, Pat Normandin, John Richards, Elaine Smith, Don Clarke, Paul Rich, Jan Forsberg, Warren Bouton

Absent: Teresa Forbes, Mendon MacDonald

Minutes: September 12, 2006 were approved with one correction:
Re: boiler – Gert signed the contract, not Craig

Treasurer's Report: was approved as presented by Don Clarke

Bob Holbrook – (guest) presented the following requests to the Trustees:

1. The Dorcas Fund records go back to 2003, and he wants permission to shred records of “request for money” forms prior to 2005. There are additional files on an individual sheet in the office so Bob’s records (green sheet) would be a duplicate copy. The committee granted his request to shred these records.

2. Re: Friendship Club – Bob requested that the club be granted a separate checkbook because it is difficult to pay bills for their monthly dinners. The committee voted against the Friendship Club having their own checkbook because of the church’s status as a non-profit organization and its use of the non-profit number.

Boiler: Update – expansion tank, furnace, and parts are being delivered.
We have an agreement with Stafford Oil for our oil prices.

Fans in the Church: Need to be cleaned and serviced. The only way to clean them is with staging.

Electrician: Needs to do a few repairs with lights.

Pastor's Report: Many funerals and pastoral concerns this fall.

We have had several interviews for an office assistant, and still a few more to go. We will be making some decisions soon – good possibilities. The office can get very chaotic and help in the office will be good.

Preparation for the 2007 Budget: May need a special meeting.

Stewardship Program: Letters will go out very soon, and reminder phone calls from the committee will follow.

Snow Plowing: All set.

Insurance Premium: The yearly cost will be \$12,533. Last year the cost was \$11,979 - not a bad increase.

Audit: Re: a copy of December 4, 2005 audit – the way things are done procedurally in the church, it is difficult to do an audit.

Council Meeting Report: There will be no fall rummage sale. The Christmas Fair will be November 18th. Just Peace Church was voted on 15 years ago – there are a host of different ways to understand what it means for this church. What does it mean for this church community to seek justice?

Parish Activities: will be sponsoring Saturday night suppers to raise money for kitchen improvements. 50% of money raised will go to the general fund, and 50% to improve the kitchen. They will advertise and dinners will be open to the public.

Coffee Hour: November 12th.

Offering – Paul Rich - November

Next meeting is November 14th Opening – Pat Normandin
Closing – Jan Forsberg

Jan Forsberg
Secretary