

GILMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH
ACCOUNTABLE BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2009

Present: Rev. Anna Christie, Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard, Grant Smith, Dorothy Dawson, Joanne Dennill, Betty Coles, Shelby Everitt, Susan Johnsen, Tanya Martens, Cathie Colpitts, Phil Newton, Rob Ogden, and Sandy Jolly.

Absent: Pat Heslop, Margie Savigny, and David Bowe.

Shelby lit the Christ Candle and said the opening prayer.

Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Susan moved a Motion to approve the agenda.

Dorothy moved a Motion to accept the June minutes as corrected.

Chairman's remarks

Grant welcomed everyone back after our summer break.

Committee Reports*

* Please see attached reports.

Ministry has no report at this time. Their first meeting will take place on October 5th.

Presbytery had nothing to report.

Finance reported that the year to date revenues/offerings are down, but the expenses are up.

Worship – Cathie brought up the issue of getting cheques signed, particularly during the summer months when many people with signing authority are away. This has been referred to the Finance committee. One suggestion is that Anne Marie Kelly is given signing authority.

Unfinished Business

Rev. Anna presented the AB with the draft of the Suddenly Separate document.

Betty moved a Motion to accept the name Southcote Press for our Suddenly Separate Publications. Seconded by Shelby. **Carried.**

Rev. Anna is now going to be emailing the GPUC monthly calendar. Please email her with any dates and/or changes before the end of each month in order to ensure that it is included in the monthly calendar.

Rev. Anna also asked for prayers for the Act 4 program. They are needing more registrants for the program to go forward.

The September 12th Council meeting has been cancelled. There were not enough members to attend to make a quorum. Another meeting has been proposed for October 17th.

AB decided to appoint a new member to Council.

Sandy moved a Motion to appoint Susan Johnsen to Council to replace a retiring member for the duration of the term. Seconded by Dorothy. **Carried.**

Open Discussion

Susan discussed the latest update on the Dream Auction. She is happy to report that there are new members on the committee helping out. The committee is also looking to increase this year's attendance by 30 to 40 people.

Rev. Anna reported that Godly Play starts September 12th upstairs for the whole service.

Sandy reported that they are need of people to volunteer for the role of 'counters'. She would like to have 3 names of people on the committee, who could then rotate once every 5th Sunday.

Unfinished Business

Rental charges will be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

Phil said the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Dennill
Secretary

Gilmore Park United Church

Monthly Report: TEAM/GROUP to BOARD

TEAM NAME: Property Team

DATE: Sept, 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

Our recorded for the security camera is unserviceable, a new one has been ordered - ongoing

Material to fix the basement handicap door will be ordered shortly- ongoing

Handicap doors will be installed the week of Sept 8th, for the sanctuary and GGSC doors along with lighting for new banner (Gail N) .

Blue Whale group decided to replace the turf in the playground, they installed it themselves, no cost to GPUC.

Have arranged for the same painter that GGSC uses to paint throughout the building as required plus the overhang at the front entrance- painting will start in Sept, interior work will be coordinated with Anne Marie for minimal disruption to tenants

More work required on handicap washroom to be able to assist someone who has become incapacitated and unable to push the unlock button.

Air/heating unit for the activity room is in need of essential repair @\$2000, contract signed.

A small mat will be installed just inside the kitchen (hall entrance) to try and reduce kitchen dirt tracking into the hall way. When complete hall rugs will be steam cleaned.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TO BE APPROVED:

NOTE: Re June minutes, setting rental rates is a Finance team function not property

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

FUTURE PLANS, IDEAS OR VISIONS DISCUSSED:

In accordance with Ministry Policies 100 or 101

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Monthly Report

TEAM NAME: **WORSHIP**

DATE: September 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

Please state how these have been/will be communicated to the congregation.

Two new banners were made for the Sanctuary by Gail Nichols at a cost of \$259.65. They have been hung at the front of the church on either side of the organ pipes. The area there is quite dark, and would benefit from some spotlights for these banners. I forwarded Gail's suggestion to the Property Team.

Materials were purchased to assemble "pew packs" for children during Sunday Worship over the summer. The average number of children using these was 2 – 5 each week.

Attendance at Sunday services during the summer was between 32 – 59, whereas the regular year it has been between 59 – 85.

The supply ministers and Amy as musician were well received by the congregation and I received very positive feedback.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TBE APPROVED:

Please state how these decisions or actions relate to Ministry Policies 100 or 101

There was difficulty getting cheques signed for pulpit supply in August. These require 2 signatures and on two Sunday mornings there was still only one.

Suggestions to prevent this occurrence in the future would be to have these cheques signed before the summer takes people with signing authority out of town. The arrangements were made well before the end of June, and Anne Marie could have filled in the fee plus the mileage when she knew the amount.

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

None.

FUTURE PLANS, IDEAS OR VISIONS DISCUSSED:

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Next Worship Team meeting is September 20th.

