



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HUNTINGTON

CCH Board Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Board Members Present

Laurie Barnett, Chris Brosius, Ron Brosius (8pm), David Cozzens, Larry Detweiler, Scotty Detweiler, Melissa Myrick-Dubay, Barbara Elliott,

Absent Board Members

Roland VanDyk

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. The prayer was read and blessings were shared.

New Board Member

- Dave welcomed new board member Scotty Detweiler.

Pastor's Report

- Neighbor Helping Neighbor (NHN)
 - NHN helped sponsor the Hungry Heart video showing—a film on opiate addiction hosted at CCH, which was also underwritten by a number of organizations.
 - NHN is helping to sponsor Huntington EATS – a newly formed local group that is working to address food security issues in Huntington. Larry gave an overview of NHN to some participants who had not previously known how NHN operates and how it is related to CCH. NHN will be helping to underwrite the cost of the following 2 pilot projects:
 - Soup's On Suppers are free take-out homemade soup & bread suppers. The first is being held on Wednesday evening April 18 (mid-way through the school vacation break). The 2nd will be held Wednesday May 20th. Marketing will encourage people to pick up supper for their family – and drop some off for a neighbor in need.
 - Weekend Backpack Snacks is a program that will provide healthy take-home food (cereal, pb, whole wheat crackers, fresh fruit) to kids participating in the weekly Friday Summer Meals Program at the library, beginning June 24th.
 - The current NHN balance is about \$3,500, with some requests currently in the pipeline.
 - Fundraising opportunities include the upcoming Race 4 Sundaes on June 25th and an invitation from Hinesburg Public House to hold another community supper.
- Adult Ed / Small Groups
 - The Monday night and Wednesday morning small groups continue to meet regularly.
- Worship Team
 - We are slowly introducing new audio-visual tools.
 - Scotty is recording sermons in the Annex and posting them on our website.
 - It seems a few parishioners are not attending Sunday service when it is held in the annex.
 - Plans for Easter Holy Week:
 - While we will not be holding our own Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services, there are services held locally. Larry will make an announcement at Church letting parishioners know that we can make rides available for those who need them.
 - Easter Sunday Service: The annual Sunrise Service will be held at the Cozzens followed by a potluck breakfast. Easter Sunday Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 9 am.

- Beginning with Easter Service, we will resume Sunday services in the Sanctuary.
 - Dave will check the fuel gauge, and if need be, will contact Jackman's.
 - Dave will ask Roland for help putting up the Easter wall hangings in the Sanctuary.
- Baptism w/ New Parish Group
 - Larry reported that the baptism being held with members of the New Parish Study Group (described in detail in January's Board Minutes) is scheduled for June 18.

Building & Maintenance

- Snow Shoveling
 - Dave reported that DJ was paid the initial \$250 for snow shoveling. Dave will now pay DJ the 2nd half of the amount due.
 - Dave will ask Roland to communicate that the annex schedule on the Church Calendar needs to be check regularly so the sidewalks are clear for Senior Meals and other events.
 - Laurie will update the Calendar to include all ongoing events.
- Cleaning
 - We did not have Adam clean the Sanctuary during the winter. Dave will contact him to have the Sanctuary cleaned before Easter service.

Annex Usage

- The Board approved the following fee structure for use of the Church Annex:
 - The single-day usage fee is \$100 per day, which includes use of the kitchen.
 - The multi-day usage fee is \$100 for the first day and \$50 for each subsequent consecutive day. (Note: For multi-week events held only on weekdays, only the first day will be charged \$100 and every subsequent weekday will be \$50.)
 - As a church, we will continue to provide certain services to the community at no charge.
- Post-event Building Issues
 - There have been instances where windows & doors have been left open. Recently, the back door was discovered to be open, which caused the water in the toilet tanks and bowls to freeze and snow to be blown into the hallway.
 - Barbara will draw up a checklist that we will ask people to complete as they close up after each event. The list will include checking that windows and exterior doors are closed and locked, lights are turned off, the stove/oven is off, the pilot light is lit, the water faucets are shut off, the heat is turned down, etc.
 - During the winter months we will set up a process to have the building checked after special events have been held.

Youth Education

- Melissa is the only one signing up to hold youth education classes downstairs. There is no pressure to provide this at this time – so if there is no coverage, Eli and Benji will stay upstairs.
- Our children's sermon has been led by Susie each week. We are looking for additional volunteers to participate in leading this portion of the service.

Finances

- Dave reported that, at two-thirds of the way though the fiscal year, we are currently in the black – with our operating income about \$2,000 ahead of our operating expenses.

- Weekly collections
 - Collection has stayed fairly stable. (For a number of years, it had been about \$51,000 although last year it dipped down to \$48,000. It appears we are on target for achieving \$51,000 for this year.)
 - 'Other Giving' has been much lower this year – down about \$5,000 from last year's giving.
 - Fundraising is also down a bit. Chris noted that previously we raised money by staffing a booth at the Air Show. Scotty is going to investigate opportunities for this year.
 - At the end of the fiscal year, the Board hopes to allocate funds to the Capital Fund. This would be brought to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting.
 - One critical capital need that must be addressed is the heating system (both furnaces and the chimney). The strategy for addressing the heating needs of the building has not been developed. It was noted that the current chimney is not repairable.
 - Roland had previously recommended we put out an RFP (Request for Proposal) to help evaluate alternatives presented by heating specialists.

Website

- Scotty agreed to replace Dave on the Website Committee. Scotty is now uploading podcasts of the Sunday sermons on the website's Worship page.

Fundraising

- As has happened each year for many years, the Church (specifically Becky and Dave) participated in the annual Town Meeting lunch fundraiser. This is done with Alison Forrest/BPMS Hot Lunch Program. This year, the fundraiser netted \$506. Alison has given the Hot Lunch Program's share (\$243) to Neighbor Helping Neighbor – with the thought that it can be used to help underwrite the new Huntington EATS food security pilot projects.
 - Chris moved and Scotty seconded that the \$243 CCH portion of the Town Meeting Luncheon fundraiser be turned over to Neighbor Helping Neighbor in support of Huntington EATS. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Toilets
 - Melissa noted that the toilets are 30 years old, not efficient, not in good working order, and look worn out. Toilet replacement will be added to the capital plan list to be prioritized at a later date.
- Budget
 - The Board agreed to schedule budget planning as the main focus of the Board's May 5th meeting which will enable us to have it ready for approval at the June 26 Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5th at 7 pm in the Annex.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26th (the day after the Race 4 Sundaes) at 4pm in the Annex, followed by a potluck supper.

Adjournment

- The Board meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Elliott