

## Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Board met at 6:33 pm in Adam Ingersoll's office.

- President Olson reported that a committee to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Society has been formed, with Rob Dietrich, Jeanette Carter, Gay Mikelson, and Marilyn Jennewein appointed so far.
- The 5 board members who attended the November new member meeting were thanked. • The congregational meeting will be on the 17th of January immediately after the service. Refreshments will be brought into the sanctuary to save time. We hope to have a Neumann Monson report at that time.
- Brian Glidewell presented the report of the Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry. Recommendations for the committee include working to have the Program Council meet more than once a year. O'Berry will work with them on this. The Leadership Development Council could have year-round programming and training. Zimmer-Saltzman suggested that RE could collaborate with the LDC to work on leadership. Steve Vincent is willing to work on this area. A nominating committee within the LDC could be selected; determining how to obtain volunteer work for short-term tasks. Ingersoll suggested we use the Wednesday email to obtain testimonials. It was decided that the worship associates could recruit members from the people who have volunteered to do this. A motion to accept the report passed.
- Pete Brokaw clarified several points on the final reading of the Endowment Policy. The Endowment Fund can give between 2 and 5% to the operating budget as an Annual Spending Allocation. Eligible voting members must vote on any Corpus withdrawals, which reflects the seriousness of such a move. The phrase "mailed ballot" was changed to "ballot." A motion to accept the policy was passed.
- Treasurer Ingersoll presented the tentative budget, stating that the figure of \$365,000 looks good. The Annual Spending Allocation from the Endowment will be \$2,000. The Social Justice Coordinating Committee also gets money from the Endowment. He feels the Finance Council should decide on the ASA amount for both Social Justice and the operating budget. The overall increase for the budget is 3%. A motion to approve the proposed budget to the congregation with potential changes to the health insurance line was passed.

- Steve Vincent reported on the Membership Task Force, stating we now have 276 members and 228 pledging units.
- The Publicity Committee, led by Kirk Witzberger, proposes their hope to increase membership throughout the corridor, finding other groups that might partner with us; increase visitors; increase revenue from rentals; showcase new building, e.g. demonstrating green technologies; interaction with media. Other suggestions are encouraged.
- Steve Locher led a discussion about the alcohol policy and procedures. Because of recent problems, we have to determine how to get information about the policy to those who are holding events. A full revision of the policy is recommended, as well as our rental policy regarding use of liquor. Rev. Steven will look into the Sanctuary's policies about alcohol in view of our upcoming wassailing event.
- Witzberger gave an update on the status of the new building: We hope to have revised drawings for the January 17th meeting. April 4th has been set as the ground-breaking date, with a 12-month construction period. This will extend beyond our rental agreement with Sanctuary. A kitchen group is looking at kitchen plans and making suggestions. Some items have been changed: there will be no vegetation on the roof (saving much expense of supporting materials); shorter glass along the walls. Despite the changes, we still have the full square footage, accessibility, and green features. A gender-neutral restroom could be included.
- Rev. Steven announced the evening meeting on December 13th at the Sanctuary church to discuss Syrian refugees. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

—Recorded by Jeanette Carter, Secretary