



First United Methodist Church of Paxton

Board of Trustees

Minutes from April 12, 2016

April 17, 2016

Present

Jason Bowen, Pastor John Hauck, Jason Hari, Debbie Langendorf, Tadd Ostendorf, Mary Parsons, and LaVonne Smith

Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the February 29 (for March meeting) meeting were approved.

1. **Parsonage**— Pastor John did measure the **sump pump** opening and options are being considered for covering the opening. The **radon test** has been sent in—no results yet.

Regarding the Whirlpool **washing machine**, Lowes suggested a plumber be called to look at it. The decision was made for Pastor John to call Paul's Appliances in Rantoul (892-4877) to have Richard Meuser take a look at it.

Tadd reported Mr. Bleich had been called to check the **foundation at the parsonage** and since he did not come April 12, it was assumed he would come April 13.

2. **Roof**— Tadd reported Adkisson's did come 4/11/16 to check the roof and inside the sanctuary. There was no sign of leakage inside. Areas of the roof were recaulked on 4/11.

The **bell tower** was checked and 1 screen is missing on the east side. Some screens have sizeable holes. These will be checked when the weather is warmer. All work can be done from the inside.

3. **Basement**— Tadd reported that the east side **door lock** is not working. Debbie will call Security Systems of Rantoul Locksmith Inc. (892-8384) to see about getting the lock changed/fixed.

Tadd reported he and Scott looked at the **south kitchen door**. Perhaps a storm panel needs to be constructed for the door. Tadd made the suggestion that a schedule with Kurt Brust be set up so he can begin **tuck pointing** work around the church beginning on the southeast. **Custodian's room**-- Tadd reported that Ed almost has completely moved into the new location in the basement. No painting has been done yet. **Spraying for insects** needs to be done again as ants have been found in the basement.

4. **Computers**— Not all of the office computer transfer has been completed yet. The old computer is in the office so Judy can get into it if needed.

5. **Ceilings**— There is a tile missing in the bathroom near the office. Perhaps there are some extra tiles in the church tucked away somewhere. All Phases of Construction is looking at the ceiling in the kitchenette. Regarding the leak in the sanctuary—perhaps from condensation?

6. **Elevator**—Mary will ask Doug about what we can do for a bell in the elevator that can be heard upstairs.
7. **Gutters**—Mary will call Brenden Kemmitzer to set up a time for him to clean the gutters and down spouts. Pastor John reported a dead bird that is caught in one of the down spouts.
8. **Kitchen renovation** —Pastor John reported we have passed the \$50,000 mark! He was looking at the memorial fund and suggested that perhaps some of that money could be used for upgrading appliances once the renovation is completed.
9. **Finances**—Denise Peers will come next month and give us information on what funds are available for us to use for church upkeep/repairs.
10. **Wedding/Church use guidelines**—Debbie, LaVonne and Jason will be the ad hoc committee to work on the guideline booklet or form. Pastor John will check with other churches regarding their charge for weddings and usage for members and nonmembers.
11. **May Day flowers**—Judy will pass around a sign-up sheet Sunday seeking volunteers for delivery of the May Day flowers. Pastor John suggested involving the confirmation class with this project. Delivery day is Sun. May 1 beginning at 1:00. That is also the last day for the confirmation class to meet.
12. **Copy machine**—Pastor John received some information on a new copier. We suggested Judy take a look at it to see what will meet the needs of the office. Some discussion was held as to whether we buy or lease.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LaVonne Smith, Secretary