

**First United Methodist Church
Plymouth, IN
Board of Trustees
Minutes
of
May 10, 2010**

Trustee members in attendance at the Education Building were: Ben Clough, Ruth Crutchfield, Jim Easterday, Sam Goebel, Brent Kaufman, Beth Pinkerton and Dick Stinson. Also in attendance were Bonnie Yeazel, lay leader and Dean Fager, Pastor.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Beth Pinkerton, at 6:30 P.M.
2. Dean Fager began the meeting with prayer. Judy Guild will present devotions at the next meeting.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2010, were reviewed and discussed. Upon motion by Brent Kaufman, seconded by Ben Clough, and unanimously passed, the minutes were approved as presented.
4. Purchase authorizations were presented as spreadsheets of accounts which were reviewed by the members, specifically Brent Kaufman and Dick Stinson.
5. The meeting turned to the **Information agenda**:
 - A. Maintenance Schedule: Trim Flowers back. Jim Easterday will work on trimming as weather permits.
 - B. Norris has patched the holes in the parking lot. The Board is waiting for quote on resealing the parking lots.
 - C. David Skinner has informed the Church Office that he will complete the installation of the fourth rank of pipes by the end of May.
 - D. Beth Pinkerton has secured a piece of exterior carpet for the Adams Street entrance to the Education Building. She is working with Nick Pinkerton to remove the old carpet and prepare the surface for replacement.
 - E. Leak over choir loft. Dick Stinson is still working with it as it appears that the leak is caused by wind-blown rain coming in the roof vent.

- F. Dick Stinson has completed the wooden picture rail installation in the entry of the Church building. Beth Pinkerton and Ruth Crutchfield will repaint the wall again.
- G. Dick Stinson has cleared the plugged gutter downspout in the alleyway.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. Wireless microphones. Project on hold pending funding.
- B. Update on purchase of parsonage at 2001 Felix Place. The purchase closed May 7, 2010. The board will attempt to keep the grass mowed with volunteer forces pending the arrival of the minister. If that fails, we will look to hiring a mowing service. Brent Kaufman will investigate the feasibility of purchase of a used riding mower for the parsonage.
- C. Volunteer Work days. It was reported that we received little response to the request for volunteers. It was discussed that we need to be more specific in time and projects. Chairperson Pinkerton will advertise in the church bulletin that we will conduct Friday/Saturday work days on June 18 & 19, and will have lists of work projects. Project continues.

7. **New Business:**

- A. Parsonage Utilities. The Board discussed the NIPSCO utilities and the merits of utility budget versus paying each month. After discussion, motion was made by Brent Kaufman, seconded by Ruth Crutchfield and unanimously passed to enroll the parsonage on NIPSCO's utility budgeting plan.
- B. Parsonage Needs. Chairperson Pinkerton advised that we now have keys and possession of our new parsonage. The Marhankas's are planning a "walk through" Thursday, May 13, 2010. It was decided to ask them to give ideas on paint colors and decorating ideas. We are planning on some painting, cleaning of carpeting and fairly extensive rehabilitation of the sun room.

Chairperson Pinkerton advised the Board that the new parsonage requires stove/oven, washer & dryer, and possibly garbage disposal to be ready for occupancy. It was proposed to ask the Marhankas's if they desire installation of a garbage disposal, and act accordingly. Upon motion by Ruth Crutchfield, seconded by Ben Clough and unanimously passed it was resolved to authorize Beth Pinkerton and Bonnie Yeazel to purchase stove, washer & dryer and garbage disposal.

The parsonage is insured through the Conference insurance provider. It was decided to investigate whether that insurance includes personal property insurance for the minister's property in the premises and the amount of coverage for personal property, if any. Project continues.

8. **Building Use Requests:** There are no building use requests this month.
9. **Adjournment:** Upon motion duly made by Sam Goebel, seconded by Ben Clough and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. in the Education Center.