

First Congregational UCC

Building and Grounds Minutes

August 3 2023, 11 AM Zoom

Present: Barb Bottger, John Bottger, Jeff Kern, Ranna LeVoir, Pastor Enno, Bruce Tyler, Gwen Mattice

Missing: Byron Aldrich

1. Immediate Concerns

1. Security System

1. The board voted 4-2 to install a system, charging the Building and Grounds to get it done. **Enno will work with Nina in finding an appropriate system.** She has donated money towards this project.

2. Tattered Flag

1. **Jeff will ask Mike McMillan to remove the flag.**

3. Ladder

4. Chipmunk

1. **Gwen will set a live trap, relocate the critter and seal the crack with the Quik-crete.**

5. Gwen's List:

1. **Light bulbs for the sanctuary - Gwen will order 150-200Watt LED equivalents, dimmable, 2700K or 3000K (soft white) for ~\$14 each through Amazon.** The dimmer will be replaced.
2. **Mowing - Gwen mowed while Steve was on vacation. Gwen will ask Steve if he is willing to do the mowing.**
3. **Tire track in dirt - Probably done by the construction crew. John will call the city about this repair.**
4. **Playground - Celebrate the work done on the playground! Thanks Byron, Bruce and Gwen!**
5. **Downspout near storage area - where the water runs and if we are losing dirt under the sidewalk. Gwen will get a downspout extender.**
6. **Outside water faucet dripping under the porch to the nursery door.** None of the outside faucets work. Jeff says it is a big problem. **Barb will call North Shore Plumbing to take a look.**
7. **Sidewalk on north side of building leading up to the grotto - Gwen will get some all weather Quik-crete mix.** Be sure to use the church tax exemption number when making purchases. At Buck's and Ace Hardware just let them know the purchase is for the church.
8. **Raised cement curb in front of the church - Gwen will check into an asphalt mix for DIY repair or use the Quik-crete.**

6. DayCare -

1. **We will clean out the room on Aug. 10 at 11:00. We will make an announcement in church. Enno will ask her about timing.**
7. **Parsonage Wish List**
  1. **Mold Issue - Bottgers will donate dehumidifier. Barb will call the County for a referral to inspect the property.**
  2. **Front Deck** - Wood is deteriorating. (Update: Hedstrom Lumber will supply lumber.). Team Byron/Bruce?!
  3. **Back Deck** - In good shape but wood is untreated. Put on Spring clean up.
  4. **Chimney** - **Gwen will contact Hammer Chimney Sweep.**
  5. **Refrigerator** - Okay for now. Enno and Kileen would like a little larger one and an energy efficient one. **Ask in Mail Chimp to see if anyone has one they could donate.**
  6. **Dishwasher** - Needs replacing.
  7. **Washing Machine** - Needs repair. **Bruce will call Isaac Hansen for reference for a repair person.**
  8. **Lighting in Music Room** - **Enno will research lighting and just bill the church.**
  9. **Fencing around the Garden** - **Ask in Mail Chimp for fencing material. Approximately 10x30 ft.**
8. **Master Plan for the Building**
  1. John has updated the architect with our delay.
  2. John talked to Sarah Jones at the National Church and concluded we may not benefit from their visioning process. She agreed a master plan is what we need. They can help us with a Capital Campaign. **Barb will share all the material she sent via email to the moderator and treasurer and committee members. We will move forward with them on creating a capital campaign. John will call Sarah.**
  3. Enno suggests we have one group working on the capital campaign and one group working with the architect on the building.
  4. **Presentation to raise \$6,000.00 for Master Plan** - **John will work something up.**
9. **Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. at the church**

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- **GREAT MEETING!!**
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