

NBC STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Wednesday, January 11th, 4pm, Zoom

Attendees: Rob Bunton, Karin Elofson (scribe), Rev Will Green, Bill Oliver, Rory Sellers

1) Call to Order – Rob

2) Opening Prayer – Rev Will

3) Review of December 14th Minutes – Minutes approved as distributed.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Handicap Accessibility Ramp
 - i) Kamp to terracing around HC parking and placing granite steps – in the spring.
 - ii) Temporary handrail in the ground, good while ground is frozen.
 - iii) Todd working trim around inside doors – great job!
 - iv) No insulation over back pantry. Rory has some cellulose that could be used to stuff openings.
 - v) Appropriate parking signs will be installed once ground softens, also to paint on proper handicap icons for accessibility parking spaces.
- b) New windows installed – look great! May want to paint ceiling; can do this one more time. May need a professional painter.
- c) Vestry speakers – materials now available; Bill and Rory to install.
- d) Energy Usage Concerns:
 - i) Blower Door/infrared testing by Maine Blower Door Testing being conducted on 1/17. Cost of audit is ~\$500.
 - ii) Continued conversation about best use of solar panels and heat pumps; Rob and Rory to team up. Options: solar panels on church, panels at solar farm, thermal storage in ceramic bricks (saves money buying electricity off hours).
 - iii) Heat pump for vestry estimated at \$8K plus another \$12K for installation.
- e) Stairway up to stage improved for safety, addition of stick-on carpeting treads and lower railing.
- f) Avner Eisenberg offered us his old propane stove but it does not provide us any advantage.
- g) MICE CONTROL! Betty of Maine Pest to conduct an assessment about pest control for the church and the parsonage. A “no-poison” solution is requested.

5) New Business

- a) Discussion of what to do with potential donation from Alice on behalf of Tookie. Best scenario is larger storage shed with windows and doors. Options to be reviewed.
- b) Moving church office from the parsonage to the church building. Most obvious option is closet to the left of the stage. Bill offers to help with moving storage items out and to create a suitable space.

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- c) Continued complaints about Wi-Fi at the church. It is inconsistent. Questions – can we move to Spectrum? Rory questions if it is possible to use cellular data rather than internet.
- d) Garbage disposal not working; Rob to check it out. Lead to conversation about composting. Rory to ask Margo for more information about best use of our composter in the back of the church.

6) Deferred Items

- a) High-level planning for long term renovations to be returned to the Board
 - i) There are those on the Island, including member of the PI Fund, that could advise us on running a capital campaign to raise upwards of \$200K.
 - b) Defibrillator training

7) **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 8th at 4pm, Zoom.

8) **Adjournment** - 5:15pm