UNYUMC Trustees Minutes

July 20, 2017

Voting Members Present: President Richard Barling, Secretary Jack Keating, Pam Deckard, Joyce Miller, Nathan Trost, Robert Dietrich, Cheryl Brown, Hal Schmidt, John Frary.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Scott Delconte, Bill Gottschalk-Fielding.

The telephone conference call meeting was called to order by President Richard Barling at 7:00pm.

An opening prayer was offered by Rich after he shared a devotion about listening to God and bringing glory to God in all that we do.

Following a roll call the Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the June 17, 2017 conference call meeting were reviewed prior to this call. A motion was made by Hal Schmidt and seconded by John Frary that these minutes be approved as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property – Pam Deckard led us through a review of Schedule A with the following highlights noted:

1. Per Scott Delconte we have a sales contract on the former Erieville UMC property.
2. Per Scott Delconte a sales contract on the former Talcottville UMC property is moving along.
3. Former Starkey UMC property – we are awaiting information for a perspective buyer.
4. Former Ellenville UMC – new property on our list and Hal Schmidt and John Frary are the two assigned Trustees.
5. Former Kenyonville UMC property –new property on our list and Hal Schmidt and John Frary are the assigned Trustees.
6. Former UMC – Rich reported that a letter should be received from the DEC by the end of July. The local Fire Department is ready to purchase this property as soon as the DEC releases it for sale.
7. Former Lassellville UMC property – Bob Dietrich met with a real estate agent and reported that we have received a very low verbal offer on the church and parsonage, after 14 showings. We decided that after receiving a written offer we will counter offer with a more reasonable price on an “as is, where is” contract.
8. Former Mineral Springs UMC property – Joyce Miller reported that we have received a very low verbal offer on this property we currently have listed for $59,900. We decided that after we receive a written offer we will counter offer.
9. Former Morristown UMC property – John Frary reported that the school district has been using the parking lot since this church closed and is now interested in buying the parking lot only. We decided against this option since it would leave us with a facility with almost no market value.
10. Former Cambridge UMC property – John Frary reports that the discussions about a possible NFC using this building have taken place with DS Bill Mudge.
11. Adirondack District parsonage – John Frary reports that he will be meeting with DS Bill Mudge after Bill returns for renewal leave.
12. Finger Lakes District parsonage – Rich reports that there are persistent roof leaks in this home. We have already spent $9,000 for earlier leak repairs and a new leak has now started around the chimney. Our 2 assigned Trustees, Rich Barling and Pam Deckard recommend selling this parsonage and looking for a more suitable home closer to the new district office location in Seneca Falls. Rich will talk with DS Jeff McDowell about beginning to look for a replacement parsonage for this district.
13. Episcopal residence – Rich reported on the patio repair project. Thus far we have received two quotes – one for repair and one for replacement. Rich will try to talk with the contractors involved so that we can make a decision at our August 1st meeting.
14. Binghamton District parsonage – Nathan reported that the needed driveway repair work has not yet been done due to delays from our recent weather.

Insurance – No report.

Finance – Cheryl Brown reported on the work being done as a part of the asset allocation project. Approximately 40 of the smaller funds have been reviewed by Pam Deckard and Cheryl Brown. A spreadsheet is being prepared on these accounts for our action. The group will need to provide guidance in the future regarding at least 3 of the larger additional funds being examined.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wind Farm update – Rich reported that a letter of intent, requesting additional information, has been signed. We will continue investigating and report further when additional information is available or action is needed.
2. Former UMC update – Scott Delconte reported that a meeting will take place on Monday, July 24th in an attempt to negotiate a settlement.
3. Camp Asbury lot sale – Scott Delconte reported that we are close to having three signed purchase offers for these three lots. Each of the three lots have identical purchase offers. Scott hopes to have purchase contracts in hand by the end of the month of July. Cheryl Brown and Peter Abdella are our two assigned Trustees.
4. Camp Findley update – Rich reported that we have a purchase offer from the Findley group. We discussed getting a realtor involved with expertise to advise us and list the property for sale. We decided to hold off on this action until after Rich met with another interested possible buyer in the next few days.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

The meeting was adjourned, after a closing prayer was offered by Bill Gottshalk-Fielding at 8:30pm.

Our next meeting will be via conference call on August 1st at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Keating, Secretary