

**Board of Trustees****Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church****Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 2, at 7:30 P.M. via conference call, the President presided and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were approved as corrected.

**Conference Office Renovation**

Lee Mount reported on the status of the office renovation project at University United Methodist Church. John Jackson moved that the furnishings for the new offices be paid for with trustee funds and that the office renovation team, (Lee Mount, Sherri Mackey and Christine Doran), is authorized to purchase the necessary workstations and furniture. The motion was approved.

**2012 Budget**

The Trustees will budget for meeting expenses such as travel, hotel and meals, legal fees, supplies, training, retreats and hospitality.

**Insurance**

Sherri reported that the conference received an insurance payment for the Brainard church that burned. Philadelphia Insurance will be asked if there are any conditions which must be met for that payment.

We need to know how replacement value is determined for churches and other conference property. Sherri will share the Philadelphia Insurance Company's spreadsheet of replacement values with all of the Trustees. It was suggested that we notify churches of the insured value of their buildings.

**New Beginnings United Methodist Church**

Sherri will follow up on our response to New Beginnings in accordance with the minutes of November 20, pages 6 and 7.

**Local Church Property Administration Manual**

John Jackson moved that the Local Church Property Administration Manual be approved. The motion was approved.

1 **Camp Asbury Loan Request**

2 Camp Asbury will be asked to submit their request for a loan through the CRM Board.

3 **Property Team Reports**

4 Various trustees reported on progress with the disposition of abandoned churches.

5 **Property in Cicero**

6 Steve Butler moved that Scott DelConte and Lee Mount enter into negotiations with Michael  
7 Cardinale concerning the possible purchase of property adjacent to the Cicero United  
8 Methodist Church. The motion passed.

9 **Future Meetings**

10 It was suggested that the Trustees hold future meetings at the various conference camps,  
11 resource center and archives center.

12 The plan to meet at the Cicero United Methodist Church, March 4 at 3 PM to March 5 at Noon,  
13 was confirmed. Denise Dowdall will make arrangements for lodging and a meal and Lee Mount  
14 will reserve the space.

15 **Adjournment**

16 The president adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

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18 Secretary

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