

St Paul's U.C.C. 2009 Finance & Mission Minutes

Committee:	Finance & Mission
Meeting Date:	March 18, 2009
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Chairperson	Gary Kirkpatrick
Note taker	Peggy Welter
Attendees	Gary Kirkpatrick, Willard Lundahl, Ken Reiter and Peggy Welter

AGENDA TOPIC: ELLIOTT ESTATE GIFT

The 'Top 10' suggestions for use of the Elliott Estate gift were compiled. A total of 38 responses provided the following:

- Pave the parking lot received 22 votes;
- Make the church handicapped accessible received 17 votes;
- Enclose the front steps, include an elevator also received 17 votes;
- Building maintenance – landscaping received 16 votes;
- Enlarge/modernize kitchen, add dishwasher, etc. received 15 votes;
- Remodel the Fellowship room and Put more into youth received 13 votes;
- Upkeep for the parsonage; Repair the stained glass windows; Scholarships; 25% to Mission-Establish trust like Hopkins Grove, plus Endowment-Use interest all received 12 votes
- Move parsonage to add on to the church received 11 votes
- Update front door appearance-repaint front doors – 9 votes
- Expand church, more SS rooms, upstairs bathroom; annual grant named in Elliott's honor and Save it all – 7 votes
- Enlarge restrooms and Donate to bike trail both had 4 votes
- Build a new church (sell parsonage for additional money) received 3 votes, as did Purchase the Church of God and Invest with a broker
- UCC Cornerstone received 1 vote.

Additional suggestions were as follows:

- Use Endowment interest for a full time minister – 2 votes
- Energy blanket for the church – 1 vote
- Replace piano (new or used) 3 votes
- Special speakers or music once a month – 1 vote
- Hire another organist – 1 vote
- Use in community for less fortunate – 1 vote
- Upstairs restroom – 1 vote
- Save until we can build/expand the church – 2 votes
- Energy efficient doors to kitchen and South entrance – 1 vote
- New kitchen floor – 1 vote
- Match 5 missions project for the year – 1 vote
- Gift money to committees that have needs above budget – 1 vote
- 25% to mission from annual endowment interest – 1 vote
- Promoting our church, ex: advertising – 2 votes

All responses did not contain a full 10 suggestions.

Meeting for Sunday, March 22, 2009 immediately following morning worship:

- Lay, Life & Work will provide a light lunch.
- The meeting should last no longer than an hour.
- In an effort to get input from as many members as possible, attendees will be divided into 5 groups with a member of the finance committee sitting with each group.
- Groups will be determined by counting to 5 and putting all 1's at a table, etc.
- The direction of the discussion will be something on the order of 'What do people really mean by 'Pave the Parking Lot''? Does that mean cement, asphalt, gravel, etc? Or what does remodel the kitchen entail?
- Peggy will put together a top 10 list to use for discussion.
- Small group discussion should last approximately 30 minutes and the remaining 30 minutes will be open to the entire room.
- Gary will lead the open room discussion using the flip chart to record what is decided and to ask for volunteers to research costs.

Gary reported that we have received an additional \$8,699.07. This amount (\$8,699.07) was from the final closing of the estate. A similar amount will also be received the next two falls from an annuity that will then be finished.

Gary also reported on a bid to repair the stained glass windows, but this record keeper forgot to record those figures, so will try to provide them in next months report.

AGENDA TOPIC: CHURCH DIRECTORY

Gary reported that a representative from Olan Mills will meet with us at 6:00 pm at the next finance meeting on April 14, 2009.

AGENDA TOPIC: AUDIT REPORT

No report.

AGENDA TOPIC: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gary reported that 2 people are needed to serve on the Nominating committee. Willard noted that the Lions Club uses the last 3 past presidents for the nominating committee. Maybe we should follow that example.

AGENDA TOPIC: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Gary reported that the St. Paul's board requested that each committee consider if we would want to be involved in the Boone Habitat for Humanity. Ground breaking will be April 9, 2009. At this time, the finance committee is not interested.

Next meeting will be Sunday, March 22, 2009 for Top 10 discussions.

Next regular meeting of the Finance committee will be Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00.

March 22 meeting

The meeting was attended by 35 church members. After much discussion, it was determined that the finance committee should continue and research costs for the various items listed. Wes Mathes has volunteered to look into the parking lot issue. Discussion also indicated that many members were changing their mind about what was desired.