

**Meeting Attendance**

Phil Whitney, Gaile Colby, Ruth Westphal, Malcolm Donald, Don Wells, Chris Johnston, Jim Singerling, Morrie Newell, Everett Proffit, Ingrid Gaither

**Proceedings**

President Phil Whitney called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Phil Whitney read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were motioned for approval with no correction, and seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Chris Johnston prepared a report ending July 31 and reports that parsonage renovation has required funds to be withdrawn from the investment account.
- There was a discussion about the use of LED lights in the parsonage since LED lights cool better.
- Chris reports that money was recently donated in honor of Renita Banks.

**Old Business**

A. Parsonage Renovations Update

Architect Jeri Spurling wants to meet this Thursday to review. Jesse Jameson says things are going okay and on schedule and plans to be completed in November and by the December 1 deadline. John Goodwin's will start the new septic system work tomorrow. Does it require a pump? Phil says he thinks so. Everett asks about siding. Is it cement board? Phil reports it is cedar. Cedar will require a stain every 10 years or so.

B. Stanley Cemetery Restoration

Phil says a couple people are willing to serve on a restoration committee. Lou Millar has reported that it needs mowing. Who has been mowing it? No one is sure. Beverly Sanborn was to follow up on it from the last meeting but she is not here today to report.

C. Alternate Parsonage

Don Wells listed problems with the cottage and Phil says most have been addressed. Plumbing issues will be addressed soon. Ruth asks how it to be heated is. Phil says this will be addressed at the parsonage meeting next week.

D. Cemetery Mowing

Beverly Sanborn is not here to report.

**New Business**

A. New Secretary

Ingrid Gaither has agreed to be the recording secretary, at no charge.

B. Hearse House

Phil asks for consideration of using the hearse house as a minister's office to allow the pastor to have a private space for meetings. He says the parsonage is the priority right now and to just think about this for now.

C. By law changes – removing inactive members

Phil would like the group to refocus on this and says if the bylaws are reviewed and changed it should happen with a full church board meeting. Ruth asks Don for suggestions on what to do about inactive members that live on and off island. Don says churches do often go over their membership lists every 5 to 10 years. Some things to consider: What does membership mean? Giving money? Praying? He encourages the group to proceed with gentleness but says there should be no harm in reminding people. Maybe a written invitation to church events. Jim Singerling also suggests to be gentle and to stay away from creating policies. No punishment and gentleness is key. It is asked what changes to the

bylaws is being suggested? Phil answers that there are no specific revisions; just that it has been discussed over the past year.

D. Parsonage Renovation Meeting

Jeri Spurling to meet later this week for review and an update will be forthcoming.

E. Rona Kinsley Services 9/1 and 9/8

These are new dates. It is suggested that she wear a lapel pin mic.

Everett reports that the mic on the side used to be thought to be adequate but no longer is. He suggests the top of the platform be reconfigured to allow a mic to be on top. Middle top is best. And he suggests a pencil mic. Jim Singerling suggests waiting for the pastor to get settled before making change since he will be the principle user.

F. Benson Service 9/15

The group would like to honor Rob Benson after the 9/15 service. Ruth asks about hiring the catering and cleaning. It is decided to keep the event small enough to not require hiring a caterer and to keep it more like a coffee hour with him as the honoree. Gaile Colby offers to lead this event.

### **Other Business**

A. Islesford Parsonage

Phil shares with the group concerns about how the new minister may be affected by the recent changes to the Islesford Church Parsonage (the church recently decided to not renew the lease of the long term renters). Phil just wanted to make members aware of this possibly brewing issue. It is decided today that the Islesford Church Board can be in contact with the new ministers about this issue, if needed. It is also decided today that the Parrish committee can give him a heads up about this.

B. Musician Pay

Ruth reports that Kathy Graven gave half of her pay as a church musician to her son David Encarnation to recognize him for his efforts as musician. Chris Johnston reports that both will receive pay. Jan Moss reported that her granddaughter Figgy Guyver wishes to not be paid for her music services. Chris says she will be sent a check and she can choose to donate the money back if she wants. Don Wells says he sends a note to each young person who volunteers at the church. Ruth offers to continue to be corresponding secretary this year but maybe not next year.

C. Associate Members

A few people present that there is an interest in allowing associate members.

D. Summer Ministers

Morrie Newell asks what the plans are for summer ministers. Phil answers that the Parrish committee will determine the schedule and how that will work next year. Maybe it will be 2 weeks in July and 2 weeks in August. So folks get a chance with summer ministers and the new minister. Phil says the final decision will be made by the Parrish Committee (currently Karin Whitney, Beverly Sanborn and Joy Sprague and Cari Alley from Islesford)

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.