

**Meeting Attendance**

Phil Whitney, Karin Whitney, Gaile Colby, Ruth Westphal, Malcolm Donald, Chris Johnston, Beverly Sanborn, Helen Bertles, David Ferreira, Ingrid Gaither.

**Proceedings**

President Phil Whitney called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting takes place after a morning service led by Pastor Powell and a coffee hour. Pastor Powell opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read then motioned for approval with two corrections – to correct the spelling of Pat Pinkham’s name and to make clear that Annie Alley may still clean the church but wishes to no longer clean the parsonage.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Chris Johnston reports that not much has changed since the last meeting. A check was recently written to Jesse Jameson for \$23,000 with approximately one more payment of around \$20,000 expected. A check was written to Goodwin’s for \$12,000 for septic work. The investment account is down to about \$660,000 at this time. Karin motioned to approve the report, Ruth seconded, all in favor.

**Old Business**

A. Parsonage Renovation

No major issues to report. (A) There was a meeting recently with Jeri Spurling and Jesse Jameson. Jesse reports he expects parsonage renovations to be completed on time, around the end of November. An open house could be held Nov. 30 at 1 p.m. It is discussed today if there will be a final cleaning after construction? Will the contractor do it? The women of the church? Will it be hired out? It is decided to discuss this further as the completion date gets closer. (B) It’s also reported today that a small baseboard heater will be replaced. (C) When the chimney area was destroyed, a number of items was discovered there, probably placed there by the occupants when it was constructed. The items were documented by the GCI Historical Society. It is suggested that the current church members create a sort of time capsule to place in the new wall.

B. Stanley Cemetery

This committee met recently. The first obstacle is to find out who owns it. Pat Pinkham volunteered to research this at the register of deeds. Ownership may determine who caretakes and maintains the cemetery. The group will meet again in a month.

C. Alternate Parsonage Status

Chris has generously offered the barn to the Powell’s until the parsonage is ready. He offers this at no charge. The board is grateful and wishes to formally acknowledge and thank him.

D. Task List

Ruth would like to resign many of the duties that she has performed over the years. The tasks need to be assigned to others:

Putting up notices about meetings – Ingrid

Changing altar cloths – Tom and Becca

Letters to summer ministers – Ruth will keep this duty

Parking stickers – Malcolm

Meeting/transporting visiting ministers – Helen

Letters/thank you’s to musicians – Ruth (provided she is given advance notice)

Coffee hour – decided today that this will continue to be pot luck style. But there is still a need for a person to arrive early to get the coffee ready and help is needed for clean up. Ruth notes that it is less work in winter but significantly more work in summer and there needs to be a plan in place.

Distribute minutes – Ingrid

Polish brass/Candles – Malcolm when he is on island. Karin is his back up. Rely on volunteers for brass polishing.

Arrange church cleaning – (for if/when Annie is no longer cleaning the church) It is decided today to offer \$25 each cleaning. Job to be advertised. Oct thru April will be cleaned monthly. May thru Sept will be cleaned weekly. More details to be decided at the next meeting.

Transport/arrange piano tuner – Ruth

E. Microphone Research

Everitt Proffitt wrote a letter detailing this need. No discussion at this time.

### **New Business**

A. Ordination

At Cranberry House, 75 to 88 people. Islesford comes over at 11 a.m. Finger foods, potluck style. Cari Alley is making a large Sam's Club trip. Jasmine is making the cake. Beverly is arranging for flowers. Pablo will photograph. Parish board has most of the arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Gaither