

# Congregational Church of Great Cranberry Island

## December 8, 2013 Meeting

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### Meeting Attendance

Phil Whitney, Karin Whitney, Gaile Colby, Becca Powell, Tom Powell, Audrey Noether, Polly Bunker, 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 in the ladies aid and a coffee hour. Pastor Powell opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read then motioned for approval with one item discussed as being unclear – Item C in the treasurer report about donating to the Maine Sea Coast Mission. Permission was given to Treasurer Johnston to make a donation but the amount was not recorded. Treasurer Johnston is not here today to give a report on past donations but those present today remember that \$3,500 per year has been given in the past and it is still unclear if a donation was made in 2012. It is motioned today (Gaile) and seconded (Phil) then voted unanimous to donate \$3,500 for the year 2013. A donation for 2014 will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Chris Johnston is not here to report but President Phil Whitney reports there are no significant expenses since the last meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### A. Parsonage Renovation & Cleaning

Only a couple small things are left but will not interfere with the moving date. Wallace Moving is expected Tuesday, weather permitting. A volunteer cleaning crew made of those present today and other on island board members will assemble at the parsonage at 7 pm Monday evening to clean the house and ready it for Wallace.

#### B. Stanley Cemetery

This committee has met again recently. Chris Johnston is not here to report. Phil reports that Fred Winegar, who does stone restoration, has been out to the island to look at the stones and will report back with a quote. Fall would be an ideal time for stone restoration, provided this work is approved. The committee is considering creating a nonprofit to oversee the maintenance of this cemetery and its restoration. They meet again in January.

#### C. Church Cleaning

There has been neither interest nor applicants.

#### D. Workers Comp/Retirement/Health Care

No report from Chris Johnston yet on the status of these issues. Tom suggests it be someone other than him making these calls. Phil will make contact.

#### E. Sunbeam Trip to Swanns Island

Postponed. There will be a service on GCI instead.

#### F. Painting Church Lobby

David Ferreira had agreed to do the work but now he may not be returning for the winter. Maybe Pete Eldridge can do the work, once it is confirmed that David is not available.

## **New Business**

### **A. Food Pantry Donations**

Phil motions, Gaile seconds, all in favor, to donate the money from the collection plates at the Christmas Eve Service to the food pantry in Southwest Harbor and one in Bar Harbor.

### **B. Wood Stove in Parsonage**

It is motioned today (Karin) and seconded (Gaile) then unanimous (Phil abstained), to purchase a wood stove for the parsonage. An Evergreen brand, priced at \$1,650 has been chosen. It can be delivered and installed by the store in Ellsworth. Tom will oversee this project.

### **C. Generator for Parsonage**

It is motioned today (Karin) and seconded (Gaile) then unanimous (Phil abstained), to purchase a propane powered automatic generator for the parsonage. Becca works from home and needs the dependability a generator can provide. The parsonage also could be used as alternate sleeping space for other islanders in a prolonged power outage. Phil will oversee this project.

### **D. Board Member E-mail & Minutes Distribution**

The secretary's minutes distribution list is reviewed. Unapproved minutes will be e-mailed to board members or hand delivered on island where email is not an option. It is decided today that once minutes are approved, the secretary will forward them to Bruce Komusin to be available for viewing online on the cranberryisles.com website.

### **E. Christmas Service**

Tom will provide a service on Christmas Eve for both islands. The commuter boat is expected to run as usual. Music may be provided by those musicians on island. Audrey offers to speak with them to arrange music for the service.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Gaither