

Congregational Church of Great Cranberry Island

April 13, 2014 Meeting

Meeting Attendance

Phil Whitney, Karin Whitney, Becca Powell, Tom Powell, Beverly Sanborn, Ruth Westphal, Ingrid Gaither. Malcolm Donald and Chris Johnston by phone.

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 coffee hour with a meal.

The minutes from the previous meeting were motioned for approval and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

No report at this meeting

Communications

Phil shares a note from Scott Planting from the Sea Coast Mission acknowledging our recent donation.

Old Business

A. Stanley Cemetery Restoration

Fred Winegar has been promised an initial payment so that work can begin.

B. Parsonage Generator

Nothing new to report as the ground is still frozen.

C. Electric Appliance Installation in Parsonage

Nothing new to report as we are still waiting on Whitney Electric.

D. Selling Propane Appliances

Nothing new to report. Becca will create an adverting poster. Whitney Electric may need a reminder that we need the new appliances installed.

E. Shed Repairs

Nothing new to report.

F. Minister Benefits Issues

Tom is still working on this, nothing new to report today.

G. Summer Ministers Housing

A lease created by Sonya Colby has been received and will be added to the secretary notebook.

H. Easter Service – New Members

Karin moves, Beverly seconds, to accept Becca Powell and Helen Bertles as associate members and Blair Colby as a full member. All in favor.

I. Painting Church Lobby

Was tabled until April. David Ferreira is still willing to do the work. Work can start anytime now as the weather is better. David will buy the materials and invoice the church at the end of the job for his labor and materials.

J. Ladies Aid Building Usage Costs

Discussion on how the church has not paid the Ladies Aid in the past for use of the building for winter services. It is decided today that Beverly will talk with Ladies Aid President Eileen Richards to get an idea of what they consider an appropriate donation amount.

K. Fryeburg Congregational Proposed Visit in April

Was tabled until April. Tom is still waiting to get more information. Will probably be a daytrip visit. Helen volunteers to coordinate the meal, if needed. Others volunteer rides and additional food.

L. Additional Parrish Committee Member

Helen Bertles agrees to serve.

M. Islands of Grace Retreat

Ingrid and Beverly share with the group their thoughts on the retreat and how to incorporate their experience into a local mission. Ingrid offers to head up a committee to help the Islesford Congregational Church as they host a Blessing of the Fleet. Helen, Becca Ingrid, and possibly Gaile Colby will also serve on the committee.

N. Proposed Work Visit

A Lewiston/Auburn church has offered to stay for a week and do work on the islands as part of their missions. 8 to 10 people. Tom feels the parsonage on Islesford may be able to host them. This fall or next spring.

New Business

A. Easter Service

Easter service will be at the usual service time of 10:30 am. Not a combined service but there are some other holy week activities that are combined. Kite flying on Friday on Islesford hosted by Helen Bertles. Plans and volunteers are set for the Easter meal.

B. The group would like to officially recognize in today's minutes the very generous efforts of the Island Cooks, which started as a church mission, for another successful season. Thank you to Mark Alley, Karin Whitney, Eileen Richards, Becca Powell and Beverly Sanborn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Gaither