

# Congregational Church of Great Cranberry Island

## June 22, 2014 Meeting

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### Meeting Attendance

Phil Whitney, Karin Whitney, Becca Powell, Tom Powell, Beverly Sanborn, Ruth Westphal, Gaile Colby, Chris Johnston, Helen Bertles, Ingrid Gaither.

### Proceedings

President Phil Whitney called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., opened with prayer by Pastor Powell.

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

### **Minutes Review**

Minutes from the last meeting were motioned for approval and accepted unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chris passed out an income/expense report and an account summary from BHB&T. See the reports for more details. The report was motioned for approval and accepted unanimously. Of note today,

- A. Plate donations since Jan. 1 is \$4,982.24
- B. Chris clarifies that the \$30,400 listed as "investment income" is money that was transferred from the investment account, not income earned.

### **Old Business**

- A. Stanley Cemetery Restoration

Chris reports that donations are coming in. The committee is waiting for a contract from Fred Winegar. Work is expected to start in August.

- B. Parsonage Generator

Generator is on island. Should be installed this week. Northeast Plumbing will dig the trench.

- C. Electric Appliance Installation in Parsonage

This work was completed about a week ago. Now waiting for Jesse Jameson to build a countertop over the dishwasher. The old propane appliances have been delivered to Islesford.

- D. Shed Repairs

No work has happened yet because we are waiting for Northeast Plumbing.

- E. Minister Benefits Issues

Tom reports this is still being worked on. The RBI of the PCA is reviewing his call.

- F. Storage Items Disposal

Nothing to report, no work done yet.

- G. Ladies Aid – Remove Storage

Nothing to report. No work done yet. Gaile suggests waiting to remove the items from the Hearse House until after the fair. Group agrees to wait. Discussion follows concerning other uses for the church basement, which also has storage articles, primarily from the Parsonage and the Shed. One idea would use the basement as a work area for a row boat building project headed by Tom and Bill Dowling this winter. There is additional discussion that two small end tables and a square kitchen table with four chairs (originally from the Parsonage and stored in the church basement) were loaned to CIRT at the Rice House. They will be returned once the Justas purchase their own furniture.

- H. Hearse House Yard Sale

Nothing to report.

I. Summer Altar Guild

It is decided today that a list of duties can be included in the blue folder used during service, Tom can mention the need for volunteers in his weekly email communication, and members can contact their arriving summer friends. It will also be announced during Sunday service.

J. Hearse House Office

Nothing to report.

K. Cemetery Mowing

Phil reports that Tiffany Tate mowed all five cemeteries in one day. Everyone expresses their appreciation for the good job she did and the fair bill she submitted. It is suggested to pay her a bonus. Those present agree this is a good idea but choose to wait til the end of the season to pay it. Tiffany is contracted to mow again, once in July and once in August.

L. Church Mission Research

It is decided today to keep this item on future meeting agendas as a way to brainstorm mission ideas. It is discussed today that the next mission will be an outdoor barbecue, possibly with a food competition, hosted by the church and to benefit CIRT. Helen offers to take leadership on it. Ingrid offers to help. Helen will start by verifying that there are no other conflicting events around the same time and if there is, maybe combine efforts with them. Possibly be coordinated at the time of the CIRT open house July 16.

M. Proposed New Members

There are some summer residents who have previously expressed interest in joining the church. It is discussed today how to handle that. Tom points out that our bylaws require this be voted on in a meeting before the new member is accepted during a church service. It is decided today that contact will be made with those residents who have expressed interest so that they can join the next meeting for membership approval.

N. Summer Musicians Payment

This topic is discussed at length as there are opposing views. How much money to pay? Based on experience/professional status/age? Some people regularly volunteer their musical talent, some expect payment. Other churches pay for this service, some rely strictly on volunteers. It is generally agreed that Geoff Wadsworth, who is the paid overseer of this area, be consulted. Ruth motions, Chris seconds, to agree to wait to discuss this with Geoff. Helen, Becca, Ruth, Gaile, and Tom agree. Karin abstains. Phil votes no, instead supporting Helen's suggestion to pay Geoff a flat amount of money to be apportioned as he desires as Music Director. Discussion follows on how much money will be paid and to who and how much involvement Geoff will have. Chris motions to have the church officers meet with Geoff once he arrives on the island to determine compensation for summer musicians. Ruth seconds. Phil and Karin abstain. Gaile, Ruth, Helen, Beverly, and Becca approve.

## **New Business**

A. Sonya Colby Rental Cleaning

Per the rental contract, the church is responsible for cleaning between its renters. Discussion follows whether this will be ladies of the church volunteering, getting paid, or will this job be hired out. It is decided that volunteers from the church will clean. Karin offers to take leadership and coordinate. Ingrid, Gaile and Ruth offer to help.

B. Annual Meeting Date

Ruth motions to set the date for Sunday, July 27. Chris seconds. All in favor.

**Other Business**

## A. Payment for hosting the Powell's in the winter

Karin suggests giving some type of reimbursement to Ann Fernald for hosting Tom and Becca during the winter when they have to spend the night on Islesford for Sunday services. It is discussed that this is part of the parish agreement, and that although it is very generous of Ann Fernald, it is not something we should make payment for. It is generally agreed today, however, to express appreciation to Ann, as individuals have the opportunity or desire.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Gaither