

## Minutes of Leadership Circle 9-16-15

Present: Gail Vencil, Karen Adamo, Daksha Baumann, John Miller

Absent: Anne Ferrara, Martha Jordan

After opening with some words re: community by Margaret Wheatley, the members present heard the financial report by Karen. The current balance is \$7574.23 which includes donations received from the recent appeal letter. Income from this fund raising may have been impacted by the post office box mishap but that event will be eliminated in the future by having mail go straight to Karen Adamo, Treasurer at her home address. Going to the post office for mail pick up has been unworkable. Gail requested a written breakdown of income and expenses to present to the Methodist Conference on November 7. Karen requested that any and all monies turned in to her be accompanied with the date and name of event to facilitate bookkeeping. Members present discussed fundraising, came up with no concrete plans, but hoped that the program team might consider developing specific programs that could pull in funds. Dinner theater, Noel Stookey concert, Paul Sullivan recital, ??????

Pat Wheeler has some office equipment (scanner and printer) for RFS and we thought the best place to keep it currently is in the basement of BUMC. The space is easily accessed for just about everyone knows where the key is "hidden".

Building and grounds presented next. The platform work headed by David Vandiver will begin late September or early October. The work is expected to cost about \$900. The front porch painting was given the go ahead vote IF the work can be done for \$800-1000. We are still working on developing a water source. Mark Taplan, contacted for an estimate, thinks a drilled well could be done for about \$3000-4000. We are still working with the Pooles to find "that spring" and have not totally discounted the possibility of a dug well.

We are all in agreement about the need for a better bathroom. Current plan is to come up with a design plan and cost estimate for a glorified primitive bathroom. It is not really an outhouse for it will be attached on the back wall of the vestry, turning the window directly in line with the door into another door; entry to the primitive bathroom. This room might have a composting toilet or privy hole, the last being less expensive. Fresh wood, maybe sweet smelling cedar, bright, easy to clean, no trudging through snow and ice, WOW!

Annie Poole will be contacted to see if she now has the time to develop the logo she has been working on and then we would incorporate it into a sign for the outside of the building. We are thinking the sign can be hung from the peak of the porch entry or perhaps on the front wall to the left of the window.

Discussion on exterior building maintenance brought up the possibility of having the Methodist Church take on some of the costs for repairs and painting to protect their

investment in this real estate. Gail will talk with the BUMC Administrative Council about a grant.

Gail has made a great start on a well organized notebook filled with meeting minutes and documents that track the history of RFS. We would like to collect any documents now residing with various RFS members scattered all about the peninsula and pull them together into this notebook. This could be a job that a volunteer would like to take on and use the scanner and printer being donated by Pat Wheeler.

Chris Farrow-Noble has been writing lovely thank you notes as donations have been offered to RFS. She no longer wants to do that task and so we are looking for a new note writer. We do this to acknowledge the contribution and for their tax purposes. We are thinking of streamlining this task with a pre-printed card that could still have a personal note written on it.

We think RFS needs to make an effort to get information about the Sanctuary and it does into the greater community. Perhaps a newspaper article or radio interview would help RFS be better known.