

CHANNING MEMORIAL CHURCH

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2009

PRESENT: Russ Milham, Susan VanDerhoof, Coles Mallory, Chris Yalanis, Sally Hanchett, David Pedrick, Bob Thorson

STAFF: Amy Freedman and Halcyon Westall

PROCESS OBSERVER: Bob Thorson

MINUTES: The minutes of the August and September were approved.

PROPERTY – David Pedrick

There was a big article in the weekend edition of the Newport Daily News about the steeple project. David climbed to the top and they are close to topping it off. Things are on schedule and on budget. Looking at into November for completion. No issues of concern with getting the bells here and installed.

Master Plan presentation is an update of matters presented almost a year ago. One issue is reconfiguring the parking. Take rear southeast corner and establish 6 parking spaces. Make area between buildings a pedestrian walkway/garden. Discussion has been about Channing House and making more apartments that will double or triple income potential. Over 30 years can be over 1 million difference in income. It is currently rented through November and will be empty in December. Amy asked when that plan would be presented to the congregation. David said they want to accelerate that presentation to two month period.

Dedication Event – the invitation list was circulated to the board. A date has not been set. Property needs to get timeline from Gnazzo and Chime Masters as to when the bells will arrive and be installed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Russ

We now have \$214,120 in the bank transferred from our National Treasures grant. Working with the government has been very pleasant. We are going to have to borrow money at some point.

AUCTION UPDATE

Sue gave a brief update of progress on the auction. With just a little over a month away, donations are coming in at a good pace. The deadline for donations is October 15th. The committee has been great.

MINISTER’S REPORT

Channing will be featured in the UU World as a Spiritual Landmark. Amy would like to set a date for the Steeple & Bell Celebration and asked who would plan the event. A possible date would be January 10th and we could advertise it as “Ringing in the New Year!”

CANDLE USAGE

Insurance said that we should follow local guidelines. Make sure we have someone who will make sure the candles are out. Amy asked about candle use during the time of sharing. Russ said the Fire Marshall does not object to what we are doing now. For the candlelight ceremony Amy asked other churches what they are doing and they have switched to using plastic globes. The topic was tabled until the November board meeting. The Board agreed that the time of sharing candle use could continue.

PROCESS OBSERVER EVALUATION - Bob

Very respectful and polite group. Everyone was listened to.