

*North Central New York Conference of the United Methodist Church*

**Board of Trustees**

12 Noon January 23, 2008

Conference Center Cicero, New York

**Present:** Gerry Rehkugler, Sally Kersting, Pat Jelinek, Rich Barling, Steve Ranous, Newt Gowdy, Walt Theobald, Penny Farrington, Wayne Butler. Charles Cuykendall joined us by phone at 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm. Rhonda Kouterick joined us at 1:40 pm.

**Ex officio:** Steve Deckard, Pat Curtin

**Excused:** Bob Wollaber

**Call to Order** by President, Gerry Rehkugler, at 12:10pm. We hooked into the conference call system, for members who wanted to join the meeting via phone.

**Devotions** were led by Penni Farrington on the storms of life and how we have one who stands by us no matter what.

**Approval of Minutes** of December 13, 2007 were approved as amended.

**Informational/Action Central Lakes Proposal**

*Gerry Rehkugler*

Follow up actions from the December Meeting. Gerry Rehkugler talked with Steve Sigourney, Chair of the Central Lakes District Church Bldg. & Location and he will work with Gerry on the District Parsonage issues.

**12:30 PM Order of the Day**

**Task Force Report**

*Pat Curtin, Steve Ranous, Charles Cuykendall*

Task Force presented the proposed payment schedule for purchase of the Conference Center by the Cicero United Methodist Church. Four scenarios were offered for financing. Trustees preference is for a cash sale for \$400,000, but we are required by the covenant to offer payments over a period not to exceed 20 years.

**Investment Committee Report**

*Rhonda Kouterick*

Rhonda reported that the committee will be meeting on February 5.

**Treasurer Related Items**

*Pat Curtin*

**Althea Roy Trust**

Received an unrestricted gift of \$43,357. The Chancellor said this was not an asset of the Lock Berlin Church, so it comes to the Trustees for a decision on how it is to be used. This needs to go to Council with a recommendation on how it is to be used. Pat Jelinek moved; Rich Barling seconded that we accept the gift. Approved unanimously. Gerry suggested that it might be directed toward

the Emmaus Commons project. Pat Curtin suggested it might go toward the transition costs of moving the conference center. Wayne suggested that 10% of this gift go as a tithe to some project beyond our annual conference. Rich Barling moved, Penni Farrington seconded that \$4000 go to the Global Health Initiative, \$10,000 to the Bishop's Mission Fund, \$30,000 to the Emmaus Commons. This will be sent to the Council for approval.

## **Parsonage Updates**

### ***Central Lakes***

Follow up actions from the December Meeting. Gerry Rehkugler talked with Steve Sigourney, Chair of the Central Lakes District Church Bldg. & Location and he will work with Gerry on the District Parsonage issues.

### ***Finger Lakes:***

Wayne Butler & Bob Sherburne and incoming Superintendent, Dick Barton met with Carol Van Horn of Coldwell-Banker/Parrott-Venuti in Geneva to review several properties in Geneva that Dick had previewed. Dick will go to visit some of them and narrow down the choices, and then bring them to the task force for review and inspection. Newt Gowdy was unable to be there that day, but will join them at those meetings. Dick was reminded that the proposed budget for purchase of each of the district parsonages was within the \$220,000-\$250,000 range. Wayne presented a home that Dick had suggested, but the Trustees decided that this home did not meet our criteria for financing of a District Parsonage.

## **Closed Church List Updates**

Pat Curtin handed out the updated list of church closings. Report is included with the minutes on file with the secretary.

Pat Curtin reported that a transfer of the Cheningo Church was never signed by the attorney. Rich Barling & Gerry Rehkugler will be the trustees relating to this action. Resolution will be sent to Chancellor, Scott DelConte.

## **Bulson Loans Policy Review**

*Penni Farrington*

Penni presented a policy on certain points in the loan policy which were unclear to the Higher Education Team. They made some suggestions in wording. Trustees recommended rewording the statement to be added to the repayment schedule as: "***Total loan amounts of \$10,000 or more will have a maximum of a 10 year repayment period.***" Trustees endorsed these changes and asked the Higher Education Team to incorporate them into the policy and bring the completed policy document back to the Trustees. Approved unanimously.

**CCRM -  
Financials**

Pat Curtin gave the final cost of the house for the camp director. There will be a dedication of the house on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Other:**

Steve Ranous will serve as our representative to the Master Planning Team. This was approved by the Trustees.

**Insurance Committee**

*Steve Ranous*

Will be meeting in February.

**Self Insured retention:** 2007 claims came to \$315, 027. The conference exceeded our self-insured retention amount of \$250,000. Church Mutual paid all amounts in excess. Committee will meet with Church Mutual to discuss the change in the 3<sup>rd</sup> party claims administrator and to learn about the new company.

**Met with Chancellor, Scott DelConte:**

Spoke with the Trustees regarding some of the legal issues surrounding properties.

**Next Meeting :**

March 4, 10 am, Cicero.  
Rich Barling will bring the devotions.

**Adjourned:** by 3:00 P.M.

**Joint Meeting of Conference Trustees & Cabinet**

Met with Scott DelConte, Conference Chancellor to review the process for property transactions, as outlined in the procedures manual.

**Adjourned:** by 4:00 P.M.