

Rush Church Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes – Sept. 17, 2022

Present: Geoff Furman, Cindy Gray, Rob Gruschow, Paul Kingsley

Opening Prayer: Rob Gruschow

Review of Current Issues:

- Dumpster: Old dumpster finally removed and new one moved into enclosure. New pickup day is Monday. To date, 3 cu. Yd. dumpster appears to be adequate.
- Churchville Fire Equipment: Fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, and hood suppression system in kitchen all inspected on 9/14. No issues found. Thank you, Geoff, for pre-checking and replacing several needed batteries in emergency lighting system.
- Tankless Water Heater: Flush and maintenance on 9/14 revealed some major issues. A repair to fix the leak would cost \$500.00. It was recommended that we not fix the unit as it needs replacement. Geoff is working with company to get a replacement cost quote and will do needed plumbing to get current leak drained via condensate pump. Work was done by Excellent Air Heating and Cooling, and Geoff reported that the service person worked very hard to get the unit back up and working.
 - Need 2 additional quotes in order to proceed with replacement.
 - Will need to discuss with Finance committee to determine how to pay for a new unit.
- Heritage Christian Services: Cindy met with 2 representatives from HCS (Debi Hill and Holly Voss), Kellianne Williams, and Pastor Todd Goddard. We discussed ways PromiseLand and HCS can improve their shared space relationship. Debi Hill will look into a dedicated HCS doorbell as their clients do not have their own door fob. We also reviewed cleaning issues.
- Rob stated that he has noticed the men's rooms are not always being cleaned adequately. Cindy explained that this was discussed with HCS at the meeting, and is being addressed. Geoff will also speak to the church cleaning crew to ensure that the lower level bathrooms are being cleaned weekly.
- Kellianne reported that the handrail in the back stairway needs to be repaired as it is loose and missing screws. Geoff, Paul, and Cindy checked the handrail and Cindy stated that she would be responsible for getting the handrail repaired.
- Cindy requested that her name be added to the emergency call list. Geoff will make that happen.
- Rob reminded the group that water needs to be put down the drains on a regular basis (in the bathrooms and kitchen). Geoff will let the cleaning crew know about that.
- Discussed the possibility of creating a small group to meet on a regular basis, possibly once a month, for fellowship and as a way to do regular small maintenance projects in the building. Cindy will follow-up on the issue.

HVAC / Boiler Replacement Info. Meeting: Sunday, 9/18

- Geoff will lead the meeting, and put together a slide presentation.

- Cindy reviewed possible time allotments for the meeting.
- Need to confirm with Finance committee how to pay for boiler replacement. While money is available in the contingency fund, we can not use it all as other issues can arise.
- Need to determine what the replacement cost for the boiler will be, so it can be presented and voted on at the annual church conference on 10/27.
- Paul and Cindy set up the dining room with tables and chairs to be used for the info. meeting, and then the evening pot-luck dinner / meeting.

Capital Upgrade Project Review

- Potentially the Capital stewardship funds can be used for the HVAC replacement.
- We need 2 additional quotes for flooring, in order to move forward with that project.

Looking Ahead

- UMC Disability Grant Application: Cindy spoke with Holly Voss and Debi Hill regarding accessibility needs at the church. They stated that the fire exits are not wheel-chair friendly, due to drop-offs at each doorway. Debi will speak to the HCS maintenance committee for recommendations on how to fix the issue, and Cindy will submit the grant application based on that information. There is a 9/30 deadline for submitting the application.
- The Garden Information Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 9/22, is rescheduled for Sat. 9/24, at 9:00am – and will be a work meeting. Cindy will lead the event. An announcement will be made at church on 9/18, and Cindy will send out a Rush Tidings notice.
- The Genesee Valley Fiber Arts Guild contacted Rush Church about potentially renting the building once a month for their meetings. They would need storage for a library resource cart on wheels. Trustees are willing to welcome the group, but more information is needed about fees, and how much storage space and access is needed.

Next Meeting: TBD