

## 8/24/16 Grounds and Facilities Committee Meeting

Meeting began at 5:50

Present were: Sam and Kam Ouellette, Mary Barbour, Doug and Paulette Carpenter, Moe Kennett, Melissa Edwards

Prayer

Agenda items:

1. Paved pad for van and ramp: Moe thought it would not be hard to dig down a few feet and pour concrete. Doug said pastor mentioned we could prep and hire a company to pave. The question arose - Do we want handicap spaces, or just one drop off area paved? Lyle has a friend, Scott, who may be willing to give us a discounted rate to do the work. It was agreed that the side of the church would be the ideal area to start with. Having that area paved would assist with drainage and prevent washing out by the drain in the parking lot. A subcommittee will be needed to take care of putting plans and pricing together. Melissa will check with Scott for pricing and plans. She will communicate her findings with the committee for further discussion.
2. Common purchases: Doug created a list of common items purchased so we can attach a receipt to it. The list will be put on top of filing cabinet in office. This is only for purchases made on the church credit card. If the receipt is not clear what was purchased - it will be written on the receipt.
3. Reminder emails and Mowing/Cleaning schedules: Mary has the new cleaning schedule. Kam is going to email people on the mowing and cleaning lists by Monday of the week they are assigned.
4. Teen Fellowship: Currently a lean group. Melissa spoke to a family with 7 kids regarding TF. Ashley invited her whole class for TF Back to School movie and pizza night. (4 girls showed ranging in age from 10-11). The question was brought up whether there is enough attendance/interest amongst the teens to keep the meetings. Melissa thought the younger kids could ask good questions and the older boys have a chance to answer them - learning leadership. Older kids in Berea are not attending - feedback is that learning scripture is dry. When Teen Fellowship was started, it was agreed that it would consist of an actual study of scripture, not entertainment. When all older kids attended in the same evening, it led to great discussion. It was discussed perhaps other reasons some may not be attending-other commitments, but we all felt that if it was important enough, then they would ask for the night off of work, or clear their schedule of other commitments if possible so they could attend. It was mentioned that the Bailey

kids were going to ask off of work, but no one knows the outcome. The group was wondering where Isaiah has been. Possibly some dance commitments have been on some of the same nights as TF. It was discussed having some TF meetings in a public place for an activity night where it was open and visible to the public. The hope is that we would meet some new kids and invite them to come on Friday's at the church. The idea is maybe one time in Newport and one time in Claremont and see what happens. There may be a cost associated with that, so would need to be compared to what is available in the TF budget. Upon closing, it was discussed how to get the teens in the church willing to come. TF was formed for that reason first and the initial growth should come from them inviting their friends. The conclusion is that the adults in the household need to make TF a priority. Kids have been able to suggest what they want to learn and it was planned. It led to great discussion, however none of them returned. At that point, we were out of time for further discussion.

closing prayer