

**Presbytery of Boston – Board of Trustees Report  
May 16, 2018**

**Waltham Church: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

The Board of Trustees is currently composed of Thatcher Freeborn, Andy Parmelee, Arnold Rots, Oscar Nebangwa and Rodney Petersen (chair).

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Presbytery of Boston on 15 May 2018 the following actions were taken:

**Newton Presbyterian Church**      The first item to be considered was the state of the Newton Presbyterian Church and its request for assistance through Sharon Wright. After consideration of issues of building maintenance and ministry, Trustees voted the following:

**Request of Council**      We ask that Council appoint a task force of COM and Trustees to work with the Session of Newton Presbyterian Church to analyze the needs of the building and prospects for NPC as a congregation.

It was felt that any use of Trustee funds should be based on such a study.

**First Presbyterian Church of Waltham**      In light of the request from Council that Trustees manage the building of the former Waltham Church in the interim between the present and the formation of a task force by the Presbytery to manage the building, the Trustees saw fit to pass (each by unanimous vote) the following motions:

Motion 1      Obtain the deed to the property by seeing to the transfer of the title to the Trustees of the Presbytery of Boston (Thatcher Freeborn).

Motion 2      Ascertain that appropriate insurance coverage is being maintained on the building (Andy Parmelee).

Motion 3      Arrange for a building assessment by a certified building inspector and a building appraisal (Thatcher Freeborn).

Motion 4      See that current renters' agreements are maintained as new leases for renters are drawn up (Andy Parmelee and Thatcher Freeborn).

It is the opinion of the Trustees that the management of property in this interim period is the responsibility of the Trustees (upon the transfer of the deed), but that the use of the building, potentially by different congregations, missions, and/or para-church groups (e.g., AA) is the

responsibility of the Presbytery task force. We urge Presbytery to form such a task force as soon as possible as it is in the interest of the Presbytery and its missions.

**Equity-sharing Agreement** The Trustees supported the re-financing of the Ben Black (Cambridge Church) housing initiative and the equity sharing agreement.

**Financial Accounts** The Treasurer (Andy Parmelee) distributed summaries of Financial Statements (December 31, 2016), YAV Accounts (December 31, 2016), and of the Operating Account (December 31, 2016).

The next date of meeting will depend on the agenda with the preferred location at this point being the Waltham Church building. Trustees were heartened to know of the nomination of Yvonne Powell to the Board of Trustees, bringing the board to full strength after some time.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rodney Petersen.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Petersen, President