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PEBBLE HILL COMMUNICATOR

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Notes From December Council Meeting

Camp—The camp committee is working very hard to select a new camp for next summer, with the goal of finding the perfect camp by the end of January. Time is short because we need to reserve a camp soon. Currently, the most likely prospect is Iroquois Springs, Rock Hill, NY—only about 2 ½ hours from PHC. Take a look; you can find it at <http://www.iroquoissprings.com/>. Nancy Hesch, Nancy Meehan, Ann Brentano, Gretchen Altabef and Dina Browne are working on the camp committee. To volunteer for the committee and help create an exciting new camp experience contact Nancy Meehan <nancynancem@aol.com>

Art Gallery—The amazing fence project produced wonderful art for the November gallery and the auction brought in \$2,700! What's more we had a smashing good time at the café-style concert that accompanied the auction. It doesn't get better than this!

Web Site—Jeff Padawer demonstrated the new Pebble Hill web site at a meeting attended by a dozen community members. The new site has greater bandwidth and more content flexibility, and is expected to provide faster and easier community input. For example, committee can update their own pages whenever they like. Of course, we have to learn how to do it. Jeff fielded scads of questions and offered help. You can sample the site at pebblehillchurch.org/New, where work is still underway. The live site is still at pebblehillchurch.org. As of this writing, Dec. 21, the forum is unavailable, but is expected to be up again soon. Jeff Padawer <jeff@paintchurch.info>

Nicaragua—Carolyn Penta will be leaving for Nicaragua on Jan. 15 accompanied by Mayra Garcia Gibson, a member of the family we are helping there. Our Nicaraguan outreach will be the focus of Celebration on Jan. 6. It will include a slide show and short history of how Pebble became involved, U.S. involvement in the war there and the harm the war has done to generations. Mayra will attend and Carolyn hopes she will talk. Please bring donations to be blessed: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, children's shoes and clothes—and donations of money to buy school supplies which are too heavy to carry on the plane. Contact <Carolyn.Penta@MAMC.com>

School of Scared Ministries—Beverly La Rue is stepping down as school administrator. Alix Amar (267-246-7666) and Brian Weiss (215-801-0397) will take over as co-administrators. Bev will remain active on the Advisory Council..

Financial--A new strategy will be tested to keep Pebble on track. 1. The operating budget—personnel, Internet, celebrations, etc.-- will be funded by contributions from the community 2. The physical plant expenses will be paid from rental income. (A specific line item in the physical plant budget will reserve funds for unexpected expenses, targeted future expenses such as replacing a heating system, and anticipation of expenses such as connecting to city sewer and water.) 3. Outreach programs will be supported by fund raising programs. Contact <JimMcGowan@houses2sell.com>

New Council Member—Jillene DeCarlo was appointed to fill an empty council seat. Karl Gevecker explained the background that resulted in the empty seat. Following the resignation of five council members in July, Karl was elected council president at an emergency meeting and immediately asked the remaining council members to appoint five replacements to complete the terms of the resigning members. At the end of that same council meeting, following the appointments, Connie Keener also resigned resulting in another empty seat. When Karl organized the September council election, his math skills failed him and we ran an election for only five instead of the six actually empty seats. Once this oversight was brought to council's attention recently, council appointed the person who had received the next highest number of votes from the community in September. We now have a full complement of council members and welcome Jillene to her new role.