

The President's Corner

by Sylvia Quinn

Did you know we honored 108 volunteers during the November Congregational Meeting? Basically this means that over half of our members give of their time and talents to work with a committee, teach RE, provide musical abilities, make coffee or soup on Sunday mornings, or perform many of the various tasks that must be done by volunteers to keep the Fellowship open and running in an efficient manner. The recognition, created by board trustees Fran Strauss and Kristine Hancock, used the analogy of each person using individual building logs to build and support the structure of the Fellowship. Each volunteer name was read aloud and chocolate logs were enjoyed by all. Makai Branch, using wooden logs, created a physical structure to illustrate the point. Each of you makes a positive difference - we appreciate you.

The Board has approved the purchase of new sound equipment. The list was compiled by the temporally convened Audio Visual Replacement Committee with the sole purpose to replace the stolen equipment. Luis Cruz, committee chair, and seven other members representing a variety of interests, made the final recommendations. The purchase of this equipment will assure our hearing-impaired services. The funding for this expenditure was taken out of the money received from the insurance settlement. The committee is now looking at projector needs. Also, locks on the sound equipment closet have been changed and improved, and new shelving is now in place. We thank these individuals for their quick work in getting this equipment replaced and installed.

Don Wood, treasurer, shared the financial statement as of October 31, at the congregational meeting. Don explained that although our pledges figures are down by 16%, our expenses are also down, so our budget statement looks much better than last year this time. Also, we have received new pledges and non-pledged contributions. If you were unable to attend the meeting, see the Board bulletin board for a copy of this document.

Mark your calendar for March 14, the tentative date for Rev. Cheryl's installation.

Blessings,
Sylvia