

**Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting**  
**Monday, April 27, 2009**

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 23 persons in attendance.

Linda Reininger, Church Moderator, called the meeting to order and began the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Minutes:** Linda Reininger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Congregational Business Meeting. Ed Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Pete Smith, **Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Linda Reininger asked to have the agenda approved. Pastor Phil asked that we add one thing to the agenda – an approval for letter of transfer for Gary Saintz. Mike Rager made a motion that the agenda be approved with this one addition, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.**

**Old Business:** None.

**Executive Committee:** Ed Jones reported that one meeting was held to discuss the church newsletter. A decision was made to offer an online version of the monthly church newsletter as an option to those who wished to stop receiving paper copies of the newsletter. The stewards and some of the Executive Committee also met for the hiring of the grove maintenance position.

**Nurture Commission:** Terry Gindlesperger was unable to attend the meeting, but he wanted to remind us that June 7 will be Graduate Sunday, and he wanted to encourage everyone to attend the “Springs of Living Water” training.

**Youth:** Zack Toth gave a report for the youth. A Super Bowl party was held, Sr. High Winter Blast at Camp Harmony was attended by a number of the youth. “Souper” Bowl Sunday raised \$593, with a match on the first \$500, bringing the donated amount to \$1093. The youth also held a Sweetheart Meal, Sunrise Service, and a Soup and Sandwich.

**Witness Commission:** Ginny Babel reported that 8 people went to the Family Kitchen on March 21. The next date for the church to serve at the kitchen is October 18. The youth will take care of this date. Ginny has been attending the planning meetings for Saturday’s Kitchen. They have two upcoming fundraisers to support around 27 food pantries. One fundraiser is “Christmas in July”. During the month of July a Christmas tree will be put up in the Galleria. Donations will be accepted and people will be able to write their name on an “ornament” on the tree. Volunteers will be needed from Pleasant Hill to help with the booth for one day. They are also printing buttons and asking for donations for these buttons. New Camp Harmony brochures are available in the church. Last year, the commission took the young kids out for a day of camp, and Ginny hopes to do the same this year. On June 30 Ginny will take the K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> kids out, and the Pre K kids will go on July 2. The church will pay for the first day, and if the kids want to go the other days of camp, the church will pay half. Camp is collecting Campbells labels – an envelope is available in the vestibule.

**Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta reported. Two were interviewed for the grove maintenance position. Gary Gaunt was hired. The wheel chair lift is being tested and inspected by Eastern Elevator. Atlantic Broadband is coming soon to upgrade the phones and the internet in the offices. A new handrail is being installed outside the front of the church. A cleanup day will be organized for the summer. The stewards are going to replace the other toilet in the upstairs ladies’ room.

**Music & Worship Commission:** Mike Rager reported that the altar flowers are now being purchased from Ray’s Floral. 102 flowers were ordered for Easter Sunday. Flowers will be purchased for the mothers and special women in the church for Mother’s Day, and the fathers and special men will receive cookies on Father’s Day as usual. Special music is scheduled for Mother’s Day. On May 17, the JCS Tour Choir will give an evening service. May 24 is National Youth Sunday, and Memorial Sunday is the same day. A slide show will be played as usual for the Memorial Sunday service. Beginning next year, Music and Worship commission will pay for the helium and balloons for the Sunrise service.

**Approval of Reports:** Darlene Thomas made a motion to approve reports; Butch Derr seconded the motion, **Motion Carried.**

**Deacon Report:** Pete Smith reported. 45 attended the afternoon Communion. He is still waiting for a count on the evening Love Feast Communion. The next Deacon meeting will be June 2. Summer Communion is tentatively scheduled for July 5. (Note: now scheduled for July 12)

**Treasurer Report:** Pete Smith made copies of the report available to everyone.

**Camp Harmony:** Linda Reininger informed us that camp is progressing well. No report otherwise.

**Vision Task Team, Disaster Relief, Brethren Home, BBT – No Reports.**

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

**1/26/09 – 4/27/09**

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	37		
Homes	32		
Funeral Homes	5		
Work/School	6		
Office	9	Total	89

Staff meetings	7
Committee meetings	12
Board Meetings	2
Commission meetings	8
Business Meeting	1

8 AM Worship	9 and Sunrise		
Sunday School	10		
10:30 Am Worship	10		
Evening Worship	8		
Promise Keepers	7		
Choir practice	9		
Anointing	6		
Baptisms	4	Jordan Schroll, Chad Cameron, John MacEwan, Jeff Horner	4/5/09
Communions	2		
Home Communions	6		
Parent/Child Consecration	1	John David Nerone	3/15/09

Vacation Days taken: February 10 – February 23

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter:

Aggie Mae Harrison, Mabel Rose, Mildred Blue, June Berg, Mildred Rager, Ethel Carney, Belva Rager, Bob & Anna Craft, Toots Covalt

Activities for this Quarter:

CoB Ministers 1/27, register Annual Conference Delegates 1/28, Bulk mail 1/29, called church Celebrate One 1/30, visited Youth Super Bowl party 2/1, Steering Committee Celebrate One 2/4, preach at Atrium Manor 2/5, prepare Statistical Report 2/6, Alethia Class Meeting 2/6, music consult with Bill Williams 2/7, Vacation 2/10 – 2/23, CoB Ministers 2/24, helped with Ash Wednesday service 2/26, make-up class for SVMC 2/26, bulk mail 2/26, prepare for Pastor’s Class 2/28, D&R Committee meeting 3/3, Deacon meeting 3/3, Lenten Luncheon 3/4, IRS meeting Pete Smith and Barron Deffenbaugh 3/5, Pastor/Spouse Retreat at Camp Harmony 3/6, 3/7, CBYF Soup & Sandwich 3/8, West End Clergy 3/10, Visitation records 3/10, speak at Lenten Luncheon 3/11, License interview 3/12, Springs of Living Water prayer partners meeting 3/14, Johnstown Christian School Pastor’s breakfast 3/16, speak at Cambria County Christians School elementary Chapel 3/17, Lenten Luncheon 3/28, speak at Cambria County Christians School high school Chapel 3/19, District Finance Committee 3/19, visit youth at 30 Hour Famine at Camp 3/21, Celebrate One Committee 3/23, CoB Ministers 3/24, Pastor & parish Ministry Team 3/24, Mentor visit 3/25, Pastor-peer visit 3/25, Pray at Food Pantry 3/26,

Township Newsletter 3/27, transfer letter for Craig Gaunt 3/27, work in Church Grove 3/28, Camp Rep Dinner 3/28. Lenten Luncheon 4/1, speak at Atrium Manor 4/2, Pastor-peer visit 4/2, Dan Shaffer here for Camp Sunday 4.5, Community Newsletter 4/7, JOY club 4/7, Bread and Cup 4/9, Love Feast 4/9, Host the Community Good Friday Service 4/10, attend Tenebrae 4/10, Prayer Vigil 4/11, attend Sunrise & breakfast 4/12, sing in Cantata 4/12, West End Clergy 4/14, Celebrate One Committee 4/15, Sunday School Seminar at Geiger CoB 4/18, preach at Brethren Home 4/19, Unity Choir practice 4/19, prepare contract for B. Happie (summer picnic) 4/22, Family Committee 4/26, Unit Choir practice 4/26

I am actively involved in “Springs of Living Water” a spiritual renewal work in the Western Pennsylvania District. I am working with and promoting the Christian Unity event known as “Celebrate One” which will meet at 7:00 PM on the National Day of Prayer, May 7 at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in downtown Johnstown. I urge your full involvement in both of these valuable spiritual endeavors.

I believe that the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren is an active and growing church and that we have an opportunity now, with our financial and human assets, to make a real impact on the community and this area. We dare not rest on our laurels but press on to promote the cause of Christ in this community. We are presently exploring the possibility of family oriented events centered in the life of this church. A committee or team will be formed under the oversight of the Nurture Commission which will plan and promote family-friendly activities here at Pleasant Hill. I am starting to work to revive the Vision Task Team and we welcome volunteers to serve on this team. A tentative meeting date for the VTT will be Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM in the church kitchen. The VTT is a forward-looking discussion group with no intrinsic authority which takes ideas and discussion to the Board or Commissions for consideration. All members of the VTT must first be approved by the Church Board before serving on the team.

#### **Associate Pastor/Youth Director’s Report: Russ Peruso**

**Hospital / Anointings – 24**

**Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 6**

**In Office Visits – 10**

**Home Visits - 5**

**8:00 services – 9**

**10:30 services -- 11**

**Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching) – 11**

**Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 9**

**Youth CBYF Meetings – 11**

**Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 4**

**Special Youth Events – 7 = Steeler Super Bowl Party, Sr. High Winter Blast, Super Bowl Collection, Sweetheart Meal, Soup and Sandwich, 30 Hr Famine at Camp Harmony, Easter Sunrise.**

**Funerals – Kathryn Bouch**

**Pastor’s Meetings – 7**

**SVMC Classes – 3 for Worship, 1 so far for Preaching**

**Preached/Taught at – Feb 22 both services at Pleasant Hill, March 121 Emmanuel Baptist, April 18 Carpenter Park Coffee House, April 26 and 27 – 3 services at Moxham CoB.**

**Youth Net Meeting – 2**

**Young Adult – 1 Bowling Party**

I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School classes, CBYF meetings, Wednesday night Bible Studies unless e had a youth event to prepare for. I attended 2 youth net meetings. I held organizational meetings for the 2009-10 Youth Events, meetings, fundraisers, teachings, and special events. I covered for Phil while he was on vacation. Met with and took some of my youth and young adults out for lunch just to hang out with them and encourage them.

I am still teaching on Spiritual Warfare and boundary setting on Wednesday night’s small group meetings. I will be talking about relationships between boys and girls and watching a video series on “The Bate of Satan”. At CBYF Sunday night meetings we are going through the book of Proverbs. For Sunday School we will be meeting in the youth room, we are looking at the lat days of Jesus’ life before his departure into heaven. I have been teaching the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bible class at JCS from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. This has helped cut the tuition for our children; it uses my gifts and requires the same amount of time as the cleaning did.

**The youth group did the above mentioned activities.** I have been preparing for the Jr. High trip to Pitts. For the Acquire the Fire Youth Conference on May 8-9. I am taking 4 of our boys and 6 girls. I finished and handed out Creation ’09 paperwork. There are 65 going this year to Creation, this includes 10 staff. A lot of work for this one! Please keep our

youth and me and the staff in your prayers for all these events. Our youth are awesome. Two youth participated in Outstanding Young Women's Program this year, Jocelyn Lonsinger and Lexi Jones!!! Great job ladies!!!

**Christian Education Director's Report: Amelia Derr**

Worship Services- 14

Meetings- 3

Trainings- 2

Home Visits- 2

Office- 10

Sunday School

I continue to provide an opening time for the children, during this time we memorize verses, stuff bears, have a prayer time and provide an activity that will enhance learning of our particular unit. Our new unit is the Ten Commandments. Our offering is still going to CWS - we are providing funds that will purchase blankets. I fill in for teachers who have other obligations if necessary. I set up training for the teachers on autism which was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Rick Kosakowski shared information about children with autism and Ginny Babal gave some hands-on information that teachers can use in the classroom. I organized a sleepover for the children in Feb. with approximately 10 that attended. 3 teachers and one youth helped with the event. On April 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Shaffer provided a special event, singing and reading a story to the children. He also shared about the camps that they could attend.

The rotation model has a Blog, please check us out each week to see what we are doing and learn to know the students. Log on to the Church's website and click on to our Blog. Upon approval of Nurture Commission, I helped set up a system to collect funds to purchase new items for the preschool Sunday School class. We have received enough money to purchase all the items listed on the wish list. I would like to thank the church for the great financial support that was given for the purchase of the supplies. We received over \$400.00.

Children's Church

Both 8:00 and 10:30 children's church are going well. We completed one curriculum and are on a new one. I copy and distribute the lessons to the teachers. I continue to maintain the teaching schedule and recruit new teachers. We have approximately 23 helping with the children's ministry.

Personal Activities

I attended the Pastor Spouse Retreat at Camp Harmony and will receive CEU's for attending. I'm serving as a mentor to a licensed minister of Western Pa. District C. of B. My husband and I are serving as site coordinators for Annual Conference 2010 when conference is held in Pittsburgh, Pa. I preached for the Johnstown Sub-District Lenten Service on March 1, 2009.

**Board Chairman and Executive Committee:** Ed Jones reminded us to let him know if any problems arise with the modified schedule for board meetings (no meeting the month after a congregational business meeting). So far, all seems to be going well with this.

**Approval of Reports:** Barry Natta made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Tracy Rhodes, **Motion Carried.**

**New Business:** Our Annual Conference Delegates (Terry and Bonnie Bouch) are unable to make the trip. Mike and Jessie Rager are considering going in their place.

A request has been made for a letter of transfer for Gary Saintz to Benscreek Lutheran Church. Pete Smith made a motion to grant the transfer, seconded by Jay Carney, **Motion Carried.**

Linda Reininger closed with prayer, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jessie Rager, Church Clerk