

**Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
Church Board Meeting**

April 12, 2010

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger, Heather Smith, Jennifer Conley, Kurt Roberts

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Roger Swick

Witness Commission: Judy Rhodes, Kris Goldberg, Patty Toth, Jessie Rager

Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager, Cassie Jones, Marsha Smith

Treasurer: Pete Smith

Deacon Representative: Cindy Gossard

Christian Education Director: Amelia Derr

Pastor: Phil King

Associate Pastor/Youth Director: Russ Peruso

Church Clerk: Diana Mikolic

Other: none

Ed Jones called the meeting and Pastor Phil led devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March board meeting. Terry Gindlesperger made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Barry Natta. **Motion Carried**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee/Board Chair: Ed reported the Executive Board met last week and interviewed two candidates for the position of Nursery Care Coordinator. An offer was extended to one candidate, Mary Cairns. Amelia will meet with her on April 13. Mary will assume her duties next Sunday, April 17, 2010.

Nurture Commission: Heather Smith reported. The Commission is discussing preparation for Graduation Sunday on June 6, 2010. We have appointed Shawn and Tracy Davis as rotation model teachers to fill a vacancy. We would like to hold a large group Sunday School class session for adults led by Noah Martin in the Fellowship hall on April 25th. Motion was made and approved to have the session. Because of the Soup and Sandwich luncheon that day, the group will meet in the sanctuary. Motion was made and approved to have the session in the sanctuary.

Witness Commission: Kris Goldberg reported. Two Quake Kits have been completed. One by the Witness Commission, the other by a Sunday School class. Jessie will take them to the District Office this week. The idea of sending out post cards to addresses in the 15906 zip code area on a quarterly basis to promote the Church and it's activities is being considered. Buying savings bonds for the babies being consecrated is being considered. This would be done on a June to June basis. A \$25 donation was given to the PA Special Olympics. As always, if anyone knows of someone with special needs, please notify the Commission.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. We have scheduled a proposed work day for May 15th. Depending on the turnout, we would like to do the following things: Work on the ladies upstairs bathroom. John is making new hymnal pew holders and those would be installed and we're hoping to measure the roof at the grove and measure boundaries to plan for the bathroom relocation project and install a door and storm door at Pastor Phil's house. Barry is continuing efforts to contact roofing contractors to have the Church roof evaluated. He hopes to have that done by the next month. Barry will contact Gary Gaunt about getting him started at the grove. There is a gentleman from the Johnstown Youth League who may be interested in using the ball field although it would only be four times this month. Hopefully, there will be others interested. This would generate

a little income. The grass needs to be cut in case someone wants to use the field. Regular maintenance issues are being addressed as needed. Kris asked if the Church roof would be replaced this year. Barry is hoping it may last another year or two. It doesn't appear to him things are getting too much worse but is still in need of replacement at some point. The roof on the grove has needed done for several years. The stewards will evaluate what will be the best thing to do for that roof. Russ asked about the possibility of having another chain link fence put up to keep out the people riding quads at the ball field. Lengthy discussion was held on possible deterrents for the quad problem. It was suggested that if lights are seen up there after dark, the city police should be called.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. 64 flowers were purchased for Easter. Three donations were taken. The cross, with the white drape on it, will be kept up for the Easter season until Pentecost. Cindy purchased a used 3rd octave of hand bells on EBay for \$1512. The bells match the brand of bells the Church already owns. The bells will be refurbished but probably not until next year. Upcoming events include: April 18th Russ will be preaching, April 25th Noah Martin will preach. May 2nd is National Youth Sunday, our Youth will conduct both services, May 9th flowers will be purchased for Mother's Day, May 30th will be the photo memorial service for loved ones who have died. We need to get the pictures in so the power point can be set up. June 20th is Father's Day, donuts will be purchased instead of cookies. Mike reported it may be close for getting the outside cross for next Easter Season. The idea of taping the services and placing them on the website is still being considered. There are some glitches that need to be worked out. Russ advised that he knows someone who might be able to help Mike with the recording problem. Mike is still working on the copyright for the music. Pastor Phil will contact CCLI about the copyright.

Approval of Reports: Cassie Jones made a motion to approve reports, Patty Toth seconded. **Motion Carried**

Deacon Report: Cindy Gossard reported. We haven't met since the last Board Meeting. We did have the Communion Services. We had 37 counting the deacons at the afternoon service. I did not get a count at the evening service but spoke with Debbie and we believe there were over 100 attending that service. We also had the Healing and Anointing Service on Daffodil Sunday. We will be meeting again in June.

Treasurers Report: Everyone received a copy of the treasurer's report. Pete advised that the giving was down and there was a deficit of \$13,000 in March and he had to make two withdrawals from savings. Discussion was held on possible reasons for the deficit.

Disaster Relief, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home: No report.

Brethren Benefit Trust: No report.

Vision Task Team: No report.

Renewal Team: Pastor Phil noted that there may be a report from the Renewal Team next Board Meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT April 2010 Phillip A. King

Pastoral Calls		
Hospital/Nursing Home	25	
Homes	5	
Funeral Home	1	
School/Work	2	
Office	4	
		Total 37

Staff meetings 3

Committee meetings	1	
Commission meetings	4	
Board meetings	1	
8 AM Worship	4	
Sunday School	4	
10:30 Worship	4	
Lenten Sunday Evening	3	
Choir Practice	4	
Promise Keepers	4	
Men's Quartet practice	2	
Anointings	2	
Weddings	1	Sehgel/Allison 3/20
Baptisms	4	Katelynn Horner, Denise Shaulis, Daniel Shaulis, Michael Shaulis, Edward Kozuch
Parent/Child Consecration	1	Willow Niveah Blue Chamberlain

Activities:

Deacon Meeting 3/2, Preach at Lenten Luncheon 3/3, Teach District Ethics Class 3/6, West End Clergy 3/9, Celebrate One Steering Committee 3/13, Visit 30 Hour Famine at Camp Harmony 3/13, Pastor Peer meeting 3/17, meeting with District Youth worker 3/17, Pray at Pantry 3/18, Cambria City Mission visit 3/18, Springs of Living Water Cluster meeting 3/21, Lead Lenten evening service here 3/21, planning meeting/video our worship service on internet 3/23, judge Science Fair Projects at Cambria County Christian School 3/27, write Newsletter articles 3/25, Community Newsletter prep and mail 3/30

Our first Congregational meeting in the "Springs of Living Water" renewal process will take place at a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, April 25, here at Pleasant Hill. We will be discussing two questions

- What do you really like about the Pleasant Hill Church?
- What are the strong points of the Pleasant Hill Church?

See you there at the Luncheon.

Assoc. /Youth Pastor, Board Meeting Report 3-8-10 to 4-12-10

Russ Peruso

Hospital / Anointing – 4

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 10

In Office Visits – 8

Home Visits – 4

8:00 services – 3

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 4

10:30 services - 5

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) – 5

Youth CBYF Meetings – 4

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 3

Special Youth Events – 6- 30 hr. Famine, Skillet / Toby Mac concert, Easter egg hunt, Tenebrae, Easter breakfast, Easter Sunrise

Pastor's Meetings – 2- Pastor

Preached/ Spoke - 1 Easter Sunrise

I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School Classes, CBYF Meetings, Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Studies unless we had a youth event to prepare for.

I held 3 organizational meeting for the 2010 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events. I have preached at Easter Sunrise Service on April 4th. I have spent a lot of time and energy on the upcoming

youth and church events such as Missions trip, Creation Fest 2010, Tenebrae, Easter Sunrise Service, SVMC classes, not to mention all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly youth meetings. I am teaching on Hearing the Voice of God, Wednesday night's small group meetings. At CBYF Sunday night we will be beginning the book studies on Every Young Mans and Young Women Battles. For Sunday School we are going through Great Talks Outlines lessons and the book of Romans. On March 12-13th, 30hr. Famine was held at Camp Harmony with concerts called Amplified on Sat. night, 14 of our youth attended both. March 20th was the Toby Mac and Skillet Concert at Johnstown War Memorial for the youth. The youth helped in the Easter Egg Hunt and Tenebrae Service on April 2nd, Easter Sunrise breakfast and held the Sunrise Service on April 4th. With the help of God's grace, I will be holding down the fort while Pastor Phil and Judy are gone on vacation from April 13th to May 4th along with my usual work load. I will be preaching on April 18th. I have just finished my SVMC class on Pastoral Counseling and Care and will be taking the next class on Brethren Life and Thought starting on April 24th. On April 25th, the youth will be having a soup and sandwich after the 10:30 service. Noah Martin will be speaking at both services that day, I will be worship leader. The youth will be doing their Youth Sunday - Services on May 2nd both services. We have some big youth events in the planning for this year. My staff and I will be taking 61 youth and 10 staff to Creation Fest 2010 on June 29 to July 4. I am planning the Senior High Mission Trip on July 26-31, the Senior High youth will be going on a mission's trip to Westmoreland, Tn. Where they be ministering to the community of Westmoreland.

Christian Education Report **April 12, 2010** **Amelia Derr**
Worship Services- 9
Office- 5
Meetings-1

Sunday school

We started our new unit "Jesus at the Synagogue" on the 11th.

We will be giving the fourth graders a new opportunity. At the beginning of May we will be allowing them to join Greg Blue's class (5th & 6th graders). I have been concerned that the fourth graders may not be getting enough hands on Bible time –finding scriptures that apply to their life and situations. There is some time given for discussion but for their ages I have sensed that they need a class that has more time for discussion. After sharing with Greg and Charlie, Greg shared that we could try it for a month. Greg and I will make a final decision at the end of May. The rotation group will be smaller but I feel for the children's spiritual development I shouldn't be concerned about the numbers.

The children assembled 64 kits and I delivered them to the District Office.

We need to decide on a new service project.

I copied curriculum material for S.S. and distributed them along with the schedule.

We will be adding Shawn and Tracy Davis as new teachers for the video station, to replace Cassie Jones.

Children's Church

I purchased new curriculum as we completed our last one. I continue to copy curriculum and distribute it. Basically children's church has been going well.

Personal Activities

I will be working with the new Nursery Coordinator and have a meeting scheduled for April 13th.

I continue to work on Annual Conference.

I continue to teach a Bible study

I'm helping my husband at Conemaugh.

Other: None

New Business: None.

Correspondence: None

Agenda Congregational Business Meeting: Last April's agenda will be followed

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer, meeting was adjourned

Executive Committee met with the following in attendance:

Ed Jones, Pastor Phil, Pastor Russ, Heather Smith, Kris Goldberg, John Plunkard, Mike Rager, Barry Natta, Pete Smith, Cindy Gossard

After a brief discussion on the purchase of a van, Pastor Russ advised that a used van would cost between \$14,000 and \$20,000. After hearing the treasurer's report, he asked that the purchase be put on hold for now.

Discussion was then held on other ideas for helping fund the future purchase. Also discussed were possible ways of helping with the travel expenses for the youth group

There being no other business for the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk