

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
Church Board Meeting

December 14, 2009

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger, Sally Allison, Heather Smith (2010 Member – Kurt Roberts)

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta, John Plunkard (2010 Member – Roger Swick)

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal, Judy Rhodes, Kris Goldberg (2010 Member – Jessie Rager)

Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager, Misty Plunkard, Cassie Jones, Jerry Rhodes

Treasurer: Pete Smith

Deacon Representative: Pete Smith

Christian Education Director: Amelia Derr

Pastor: Phil King

Associate Pastor/Youth Director: Russ Peruso

Church Clerk: Jessie Rager

Ed Jones called the meeting and Pastor Phil led devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October's board meeting. Barry Natta made a motion to this effect, seconded by Cassie Jones, **Motion Carried.**

Ed welcomed the new board members to the meeting, and thanked all those finishing terms for their service.

Old Business: None

Executive Committee/Board Chair: One meeting was held to discuss the church secretary carrying over sick leave from 2009 to 2010.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. Cindy Cummings will now be on the teaching schedule for Rotation Model, and will be helping with Primary Church. The commission has agreed to sponsor Cameron Carr for Performing Arts Camp with Camp Harmony. The Mitten Tree will be up for the Children's Christmas Program, as it has been in past years.

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal reported that gift-wrapping to benefit New Day went well, as usual. The shut-in Christmas gifts are being taken care of. Some money is still left for helping needy families, and the commission is open to suggestions.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. They are still trying to get the elevator fixed. New blinds are being purchased for the chapel and two of the kids classrooms. He asked if anyone knows where the information is on the property lines for the church grove. They are looking into eliminating the outhouses and updating the restrooms. The stewards will continue to look into this matter. Pastor Russ is purchasing new video equipment for the youth under the Steward's budget. Jessie Rager mentioned that the copier in the church office may not make it much longer. Barry asked if she could look into this and get what's needed.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager gave the report. 39 poinsettias were ordered and should be delivered on Saturday, December 19. On January 2, the commission will meet to take down the Christmas decorations in the church. Pastor Phil will be taking vacation at the end of February – more information to come on this soon.

Approval of Reports: John Plunkard made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Mike Rager, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Pete Smith reported that the Deacons had their quarterly meeting and Christmas Party. Jim and Cindy Gossard will serve as chairpersons for the Deacon Board, and Charles and Marsha Smith will be vice-chairpersons. All of the Deacons up for renewal accepted five-year terms except Tracy Rhodes. This leaves one opening to be decided at January's Congregational Business Meeting. A Bread and Cup Communion will be served on New Year's Eve as usual.

Treasurers Report: Everyone received a copy of the report.

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

Brethren Benefit Trust: No report.

Vision Task Team: No report.

Pastor Phillip King – Report for November 2009:

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	9	
Homes	8	
Funeral Home	2	
School/Work Office	5	
		Total 24

Committee meetings	5	
Commission meetings	N/A	
Board meeting	N/A	
Staff meetings	1	
8 AM Worship	3	
Sunday School	3	
10:30 Worship	3	
Hymn Sing	1	
Bible Study	1	
Promise Keepers	2	
Anointings	2	
Home Communion	1	
Funerals	1	Mildred Blue 11/18/09

Vacation 11/17 through 11/30

Activities:

Pastor Pear lunch 11/4, Planning for Candle Light 11/5, 6, District Auction 11/7, Deacon Workshop 11/8, Core Leadership Team 11/9, Renewal Team 11/11, We Care Team 11/12, Prepare Spiritual Disciplines Folder 11/13, Pre-marriage class 11/14, Fire Co. Spaghetti Supper 11/14, Prepare for Mission Moment 11/15, District Leadership Team 11/20, attend Hanging of Greens 11/29

Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for 10-26-09 to 12-14-09:

Hospital / Anointing – 1

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 6

In Office Visits – 11

Home Visits – 4

8:00 services – 5

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 6

10:30 services - 6

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) – 7

Youth CBYF Meetings – 7

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 2

Special Youth Events – 2 – Hanging of the Greens Service, Youth Praise and Worship Door (also cookie baking)

Pastor's Meetings – 4 – with other District Youth Pastors

Funeral – Betty Ellsworth

Preached/Spoke – Pike Run CoB, 3 times at The Break at Moxham CoB, Pleasant Hill CoB, Hanging of the Greens

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 1 organizational meeting for the 2010 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events.

I am teaching on Hearing the Voice of God and Boundary Setting at Wednesday night's small group meetings. We will also be studying the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings we will be doing book studies on Every Young

Man's and Young Woman's Battles. For Sunday School we are watching DVDs by Rob Bell on various Relational/Biblical truths.

Our youth held the Hanging of the Greens Service, attended the Michael W. Smith concert, Youth Praise and Worship Door and have been baking a lot of cookies for the fundraiser.

I preached at or taught at Pike Run CoB, 3 times at the Break at Moxham CoB, Pleasant Hill CoB, Hanging of the Greens Service. I have been helping in the baking of the cookies, and directing Bell Choir. As a youth group we are putting trays together on 12/19 and planning to Christmas Carol on 12/20.

Pastor Russ asked for approval for vacation from December 29 – January 5. Barry Natta made a motion to accept this request, seconded by Ginny Babal, **Motion Carried.**

Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for October/November 2009

Worship Services-9

Office -8

Meetings-3

Sunday school:

We are journeying to Bethlehem for our new unit and have weekly visitors talking about the birth of Christ.

Our new service project is raising money for the Honduras Orphanage's nursery. We have a large baby bottle to fill and a large crayon. We donated \$100.00 from our account for items that I purchased for the Women's Help Center along with the items that we donated.

We have added a new teacher to help with story station, Cindy Cummings.

I copied the rotation curriculum for the teachers and distributed.

In November we had a teacher's meeting during Sunday school for the Rotation Model teachers. The children had a special activity provided by the IUP Campus Ministry team.

The rotation children will be playing the bells for church during the Christmas season.

The Preschool class continues going well; sometimes they are bursting at the seams!

I continue to advertise the Bear Project and monitor it.

Children's Church:

Continue to monitor Children's Church, copying curriculum and distribute to the teachers.

Both Primary and Junior classes are practicing for their Christmas programs. More teachers are needed for the 8:00 service and a new one was added to the 10:30 service, Cindy Cummings.

Personal Activities:

Continue my own personal devotions and readings, presently reading the book "Spiritual Growth of Children, along with my own Children's ministry material that I receive.

I continue to keep in touch with the Licensed Minister that I mentor.

I'm still working on responsibilities for Annual Conference.

Teaching a Women's Bible Study.

Attended a meeting with Pastors Phil and Russ.

Other: As per IRS regulation, a dollar amount must be designated from salary each year for both Pastors housing expenses. Pastor Phil has requested \$4,500 from his salary. Terry Gindlesperger moved to accept this amount, seconded by Judy Rhodes, **Motion Carried.** Pastor Russ requests an allowance of \$16,000 for his home. Cassie Jones made a motion to accept this amount, Mike Rager seconded, **Motion Carried.** These numbers are the amount of cash salary designated for housing, utilities, and furnishings.

Correspondence: In keeping with IRS regulations, the board must make a resolution to approve the "Church of the Brethren Pension Plan Supplement." Terry Gindlesperger made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.** Documents were signed by the board chair and the treasurer and will be mailed to BBT from the church office.

Approval of Reports: John Plunkard made a motion to approve all reports, seconded by Ginny Babal, **Motion Carried.**

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jessie Rager, Church Clerk