

# Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting January 26, 2009

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 40 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 October 2008 Congregational Business Meeting. Terry Gindlesperger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Linda asked to have the agenda approved for this meeting. Pastor Phil requested that we add to the agenda the approval of a transfer of letter for John Moschgat to Belin United Methodist Church. Mike Rager made a motion to approve the agenda with this addition, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.**

**Old Business:** None.

**Executive Committee:** Ed Jones reported that one meeting was held by the Executive Committee. Tammy and Jeff Horner were hired as custodians.

**Nurture Commission:** Terry Gindlesperger brought the report. Dale Harrison will serve as vice chair of Nurture, as well as vice chair of the board. Terry thanked the Nurture Commission for their hard work last year, especially in December with all of the holiday activities. Cambria City Mission especially appreciated the items collected on the mitten tree. Some appointments were made, all the same as last year:

Camp Harmony Representative: Marlene Cameron  
Children's Work Director: Gloria Rager  
Library Committee: Ginny Babal, Cassie Jones, Janet Pudliner  
Messenger Agent: Debby Rager  
Sunday School Materials: April Mackell

**Youth:** Sarah Perrine reported. The youth baked cookies in November and had the Hanging of the Greens service. In December, they baked more cookies, went Christmas caroling, and sold calendars. January was a slow month – they had Steelers parties. In February they plan to do the Souper Bowl, hold a Sweetheart Meal, and attend Winter Blast at Camp Harmony.

**Witness Commission:** Ginny Babal reported that ten shoebox kits were delivered. New Day gift-wrapping went well as usual. They are hoping to schedule more volunteers in the middle of the day next year, and fewer in the first and last slots of the day, as they were overstaffed at slow times and understaffed at busy ones. Shut-in Christmas gifts were delivered. The commission is running out of ideas for shut-ins, and they fear they are beginning to repeat gifts. Volunteers from the church are going to the Family Kitchen on Saturday, March 21. About ten volunteers are needed to set up and wipe tables, serve food, and clean up. Ginny is hoping to take the younger kids to a day at Camp Harmony, as this went well last year. The church paid the fee last year. Camp is now collecting Campbells soup labels. An envelope will be placed in the Narthex for the labels to be placed in. Jack Harrison will take this envelope to camp.

Terry Gindlesperger passed around a book that some churches are using. The book is passed around from family to family in the church – each family has two weeks to read the book. His commission will be discussing this further.

**Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta reported. Jeff and Tammy Horner have been hired as custodians. The gas tanks in the kitchen were checked, and they are still in good shape. The stewards are planning on upgrading the internet and computers in the church offices. They worked on one of the ladies' room toilets, but it may need replaced. Weather permitting, they will be working on the rain gutters. They will also be doing some work at the grove. They are hoping to fix up the grounds and possibly rent out the ball field. The fellowship hall banister needs fixed, and they will be taking care of this. Ginny Babal asked if they could get a step stool for the bathrooms for the younger children. Stewards will work on this.

**Music & Worship Commission:** Mike Rager brought the report. Jerry Rhodes will be commission vice chair. At Christmas, 32 poinsettias were ordered. Pastor Phil will be on vacation February 15 and 22. James Weller will preach the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Butch Derr will be worship leader. Pastor Russ will take care of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. March 22 is daffodil Sunday; orders will be due February 22. The commission will put up the wooden cross in the front of the church and it will remain up throughout Lent. Terry Gindlesperger will hold an Ash Wednesday service again this year. Ash Wednesday is February 25 at 6:00 PM. Altar flower prices from B&B Floral were raised to \$30. Flowers will now come from Ray's Floral, and will be \$20 for one arrangement or \$30 for two. Palms will be ordered for Palm Sunday, and Easter Flower order forms will be placed in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

**Approval of Reports:** Kris Goldberg made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Pastor Russ, **Motion Carried.**

**Deacon Report:** Pete Smith announced that the next Deacon meeting will be held in March. At that time, the deacons will be preparing for Easter. Any suggestions for improving the communion services are welcome.

**Treasurers Report:** Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report. A few anonymous donations were made in December, which helped a great deal.

**Disaster Relief, Brethren Home, Brethren Benefit Trust, Vision Task Team:** No report.

**Camp Harmony:** Jim Cameron reported that a lot of improvements have been made. Camp is planning to hold a pig roast at Pleasant Hill in June. Support is still needed at camp. Buildings were rented every weekend last year, which is a wonderful blessing.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Phillip King 10/27/08 – 1/26/09**

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	49		
Homes	26		
Funeral Homes	4		
Work/School	1		
Office	6	Total	86
Staff meetings	4		
Committee meetings	4		
Board Meetings	4		
Commission meetings	12		
Business Meeting	1		
8 AM Worship	9		
Sunday School	9		
10:30 Am Worship	9		
Evening Worship	9		
Promise Keepers	6		
Choir practice	6		
Anointing	5		
Funerals	3	Blair Rager	11/10/08
		Willy Felosky	11/12/08
		Izzik Chamberlain	11/14/08
Communions	1		
Home Communions	1		

**Shut-ins Visited this Quarter:**

Kathryn Bouch, June Berg, Gladys Kovach, Belva Rager, Janet Roberts, Mildred Blue

**Activities for this Quarter:**

Pastor's breakfast Laurel View Village 10/28, CoB Ministers 10/28, Ethics Training at New Windsor Brethren Center 10/30, District Auction 11/1, Ordination of Steve Davis 11/2, Election Day at Fire Hall 11/4, Core Leadership Team 11/7, Fire Company Spaghetti Dinner 11/8, West End Clergy 11/11, JOY club day trip 11/11, Children's Hospital (Izzik Chamberlain died) 11/11, Pray at Pantry 11/13, District Leadership Team 11/15, Class for All Seasons meeting 11/17, Pastor Support Team 11/20, lunch with Chosen People 11/23, Benefit Hymn Sing at Roxbury CoB 11/23, District Thanksgiving service 11/27, attended Hanging of the Greens 11/30, helped make cookies for Youth 12/1, Deacon meeting 12/2, Completed nomination for On Earth Peace 12/5, West End Clergy 12/9, meeting with Ron Beachley 12/9, SVMS paperwork finished 12/9, Pastor Christmas letter 12/10, Community Newsletter 12/11, Denominational Forms completed 12/12, Alethia Class Meeting 12/14, served at Food Pantry for Christmas 12/18, Children's Program and Party 12/21, Candlelight services (2) 12/24, CoB Ministers 12/30, Betty Allison's Birthday Party 12/29, New Year's Eve Communion 12/31, Steering Committee for Celebrate One 1/7, Pastor & Parish Team mentor assignments finished 1/8, breakfast meeting with Mike Govey (new pastor at Westmont) 1/9, West End Clergy 1/13, pray at Food Pantry 1/15, Interview Mike Govey for "Term of Service" in District 21, Pastor mentor meeting 1/22

I have helped the church move toward a Gift Discernment process for choosing leaders. I am serving this year as chair of the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team, I helped with interviews for custodian, I have been teaching Covenant Bible Study on Sunday evenings, I am preaching through the Bible (a book a Sunday) during the year 2009.

I am requesting vacation time (two weeks) February 10 to February 24, 2009

James Weller (Ministry to Russia and Eastern Europe) will be here during the Sunday morning service on February 15 (both services). Brother Weller has been with us before and has a Bible and Christian literature distribution ministry to former Communist countries.

Pastor Phil asked if we could approve a letter of transfer for John Moschgat to Belin UM Church. Pete Smith made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ed Jones, **Motion Carried.**

**Associate Pastor Report:**

**Russell Peruso 1/26/09**

Hospital/Anointings	6
Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions:	16
In Office Visits:	8
Home Visits:	5
8:00 Services:	12
10:30 Services:	12
Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching):	10 (Cooking Baking in December, we lost 2)
Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching):	12
Youth CBYF Meetings:	10 (Cooking Baking in December, we lost 2)
Youth Organizational/Planning Meetings:	6
Special Youth Events:	4 (Hanging of the Greens, Cookie Trays, Calendars, Caroling, Steelers Parties)
Pastor's Meetings:	9

I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School Classes, CBYF meetings, Wednesday night Bible Studies, unless we had a youth event to prepare for. I attended 7 Youth Net meetings and helped in the reorganizing of it. I held organizational meetings for the 2008-2009 youth events, meetings, fundraisers, teachings, and special events. I took a week vacation from December 26-January 2. Met with and took some of my youth and young adults out for lunch just to hang out with them and to encourage them.

I am still teaching on Spiritual Warfare and boundary setting at 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 watching three DVD's of the Gospel of John and discussing them. I have been teaching the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bible class at JCS from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM instead of cleaning at the school. 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 Hanging of the Greens service on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We baked and made cookies for the Cookie Tray Fundraiser, about 100 of them. This took up most of November and December's youth meetings. We sold 125 calendars for a fundraiser in October and November. I took the youth Christmas caroling December 21 to about 45 houses. I led praise and worship at Camp Harmony for Emanuel Baptist Church's youth retreat. I covered for Phil during his vacation in November of last year. I visited 3 shut-ins during Christmas, and spoke at a JCS fundraiser. There are about 20-25 youth attending our weekly meetings at this time. I am working on the youth calendars for the next 2 years.

Russ brought up a concern about National Youth Conference. 14 youth are eligible for this event next summer. The cost of the trip is about \$1400 per youth. The youth now have \$4500 in their account. To raise enough money for this event would call for constant fundraising. The youth have asked to possibly go on a mission trip instead. A portion of the interest in the Living/Memorial Trust fund is always set aside for National Youth Conference, and Russ would like to have this changed to include Mission Trips/Youth Conferences. Jeff Day made a motion to change the language in the budget to reflect this; Tracy Rhodes made a second, **Motion Carried.**

**Christian Education Report:**

**Amelia Derr January 26, 2009**

Worship Services-15  
Office-16  
Meetings-5

The rotation model is going well. We are presently studying Esther. The Gathering time which I take care of is used to prepare the children for the unit that we are studying learning our memory verses and my goal is to have the children praying out loud in our time together. Our service project -Shoes for Orphans Souls was a huge success, thanks to the participation from the congregation. The 106 shoes and 135 pairs of socks were shipped to Texas for distribution and our new project will be decided on Sunday.

I have completed the clearance process of all teachers for Sunday school and Children's church.

We have begun a Children's church for the 8:00 service and a Preschool Children's church for the 10:30 service after recruiting new

teachers to fill the openings. So far everything is going well with just a few things to correct. A new class for adults and their infants started in November, which is held in the Nursery during Sunday school. This class is called Mommy, Daddy and Me. They are studying "The Essentials of Discipline" by Dr. Dobson

We had a Sunday school teacher's meeting in November. We planned a Birthday for Jesus party which took place during Sunday school in December.

I continue to copy and distribute curriculum, search for new curriculum and ordering supplies for the classrooms. I provide information for the bulletin and newsletter about upcoming events.

I continue to monitor the bear making project and the postcards that are sent to children who are absent during Sunday school.

I'm serving along with my husband and Bob and Sandy Stein as site coordinators for Annual Conference 2010 when it is held in Pittsburg.

**Board Chairman:** Ed Jones thanked everyone for all of their help and hard work. Sunday School classes and children's churches have been full lately, and the youth group is thriving.

**Approval of Reports:** Mike Rager made a motion to approve all reports, seconded by Darlene Thomas, **Motion Carried.**

#### **New Business:**

Call of Deacons (2 positions needed): Linda Reininger passed out slips for members to mark their vote on. Pastor Phil gave a reading from 1 Timothy on Deacons, and Linda had prayer. After votes had been cast, Linda left the room to count them. In her absence, Ed Jones kept the meeting going. Tracy Rhodes and Butch and Amelia Derr were selected as Deacons. Butch and Amelia will not be able to fill the position, as they are both ordained ministers. Barry and Gail Miller are next in line. Deacons will be Tracy Rhodes and Barry and Gail Miller.

Changes to the Constitution concerning number of board meetings per year: For a trial period of three years, the board would like to cancel the board meeting immediately following a council meeting. This would make board meetings fall in January, March, April, June, July, September, October, and December. Pete Smith made a motion to accept these terms on a trial basis of three years, seconded by Tracy Rhodes, **Motion Carried.**

Affirm Gift Discernment Team: One 3-year, and two 2-year positions are available. Dick Oaks and Bonnie Bouch agree to fill the 2-year terms, and Shawna Kosakowski has agreed to the 3-year term. A vote was held on these nominations as a slate, with unanimous agreement.

Delegates to Annual Conference: This year's Annual Conference will be held in San Diego. Since Judy would not be able to attend, Pastor Phil has asked to be relieved from this year's conference. Two delegates need to be selected for the June 28 – July 1 conference. Pastor Russ respectfully declined. Terry and Bonnie Bouch agree to attend.

Delegates to District Conference: Darlene Thomas nominated Jessie Rager, who accepted. Ed Jones seconded, **Motion Carried.** Jessie will be delegate for three years.

Linda Reininger closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessie Rager, Church Clerk