

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren – Congregational Business Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2010

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 31 people 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 October's Congregational Business Meeting as printed in the church newsletter. Barry Natta made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Ed Jones, **Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda: Linda Reininger asked to have the agenda approved. Mike Rager made a motion that the agenda be approved, seconded by Patty Toth, **Motion Carried.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee: Ed Jones thanked the committees and the commissions for all their work for 2009. Ed reported that the committee held one meeting to discuss the 2010 proposed budget. They are also looking into hiring a Child Care Coordinator. The Executive Committee will be appointing two members for the Gift Discernment /Nominating Committee.

Nurture Commission: Heather Smith gave the report. The Christmas card project raised \$1,028 that was split between Camp Harmony and New Day. The Mitten tree collected 3 bags of scarves, gloves and coat that were give to the Cambria City Mission. The commission's annual appointments are the same. Terry Gindlesperger will serve as the Vice Chairman.

Len and Kathy Ferenchik will serve as assistant teachers for the youth Sunday School class. The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2010

Youth: Zach Toth gave the report. The youth held the Hanging of the Greens Service, attended the Michael W. Smith concert, Youth Praise and Worship event "The Door" and have baked a lot of cookies for the Christmas Cookie Tray fundraiser. Our youth put 75 cooked trays together and sold them earning about \$1,0000. The youth went Christmas caroling to about 45 houses on the hill. Also, 6 Jr. High youth attended Winter Blizzard on Jan 15- 16. The youth are selling tickets until Feb 10, 2010 for the Sweetheart meal. The meal will be on Feb 14th after the 10:30 a.m. service. Sr. High Blast will be on Jan. 29-30. The youth have a lot of big youth events in the planning for this year. The events include: Jr. High group to Acquire the Fire in May, all youth to Creation Fest 2010 in June, and the Senior High Mission trip to Washington, D.C in August.

Witness Commission: Kris Goldberg gave the Witness Commission report. The church collected 114 Gifts for the Heart Kits. In December, gifts were purchased for shut-ins. The commission purchased 2 CD players were given to shut-ins that did not have a CD player so that they could listen to CD's of our church service. Laura Wade and Ginny Babal will be going off the Witness Commission. Patty Toth and Jessie Rager have been appointed to the Witness Commission. Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren will be participating in Saturday's Kitchen on March 20, 2010. We will need 6 to 10 volunteers from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Witness Commission gave \$1,000 towards the Disaster Haiti Project. Additional money received from the church has resulted in a total of \$2,309 towards the Disaster Haiti Project. The Witness Commission has allocated \$100 towards the Sunday School hygiene kits for Haiti.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. The Stewards will be getting prices for the dumpster. The refrigerator in the kitchen has been fixed. The light in the stained glass is to be repaired. Blinds for the Chapel and Classrooms have been order and should arrive in 3 to 5 weeks. The wheelchair lift has been repaired. In addition, the Stewards are exploring replacing the copier in the office.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager gave the report. Mike Rager will be the Chairperson and Jerry Rhodes will be the Vice Chairperson for 2010. Music and Worship has purchased a new microphone. On Feb. 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., there will be an Ash Wednesday service. Jerry Rhodes will coordinate Daffodil Sunday on March 21, 2010. Order forms for daffodils will be in the bulletin and newsletter. Other important information: we will be ordering Easter flowers, Palms will be distributed 3/29/10, and Lenten Service 3/21/10. Music and Worship will be looking into purchasing an octave of bells for the Bell Choir. The sound board will be cleaned and the bells will be tuned. In addition to ordering Easter flowers, members may give a donation that will be given to an organization

Approval of Reports: John Plunkard made a motion to approve reports; Missy Plunkard seconded, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Cindy Gossard gave the report. In their recent meeting, the deacons reviewed the Shepherd list and everyone in the congregation has been assigned to a Deacon. In March, the deacons will begin preparation for communion.

Treasurer Report: Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report. He added that our congregation should be commended that Pleasant Hill was able to provide an additional \$18,000 to various projects not on the budget. Pete would like to remind everyone that monies allocated for a special project should be sent directly to the project. He stated that all the donations that are received for Haiti have been sent directly to the Brotherhood.

Living/Memorial Trust Fund: Everyone received a copy of the report.

Disaster Relief, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home, Brethren Benefit Trust: Marsha Smith reported that the Brethren Home just completed its annual survey and it went well.

Vision Task Team: No report.

Pastor Phillip King – Report for 10/26/09 to 1/25/10:

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	34		
Homes	23		
Funeral Homes	3		
Jail	1		
Work/School	2		
Office	13	Total	76
Staff meetings	7		
Committee meetings	7		
Board Meetings	2		
Commission meetings	8		
Business Meeting	1		
8 AM Worship	11		
Sunday School	11		
10:30 Am Worship	11		
Evening Worship/Bible	8		
Promise Keepers	6		
Choir practice	3		
Anointing	5		
Parent/Child Consecration	1	Zoey Rae Conley	1/3/10
Funerals	2	Stephanie Shaulis	10/31/09
		Mildred Blue	11/18/09
Communion	1		
Home Communion	1		

Roger Conley was received in by letter of transfer 1/3/10

Vacation Days November 17 – November 30, 2009

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter:

Bob and Anna Craft, Mildred Blue, Jeanie Snyder, Sara Oaks, Belva Rager, June Berg

Activities for this Quarter:

Pastor's breakfast at Laurel View Village 10/27, CoB Minister's meeting 10/27, Camp Harmony Theater 10/39, West End Hymn Sing 11/11/10, Pastor Pear lunch 11/4, Planning for Candle Light 11/5, 6, District Auction 11/7, Deacon Workshop at Beachdale CoB, 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, Deacon Meeting 12/1, Tribune Democrat news 12/3, meet with Ron Beachley 12/3, Family Activity at church 12/4, West End Hymn Sing 12/6, West End Clergy 12/8, attend Miglioaccio wedding at Barron's Court 12/8, auctioneer for Women's Fellowship 12/8, New Day gift wrapping 12/12, Church sign 12/15, Auxiliary at our house 12/17, Community Newsletter 12/17, Church sign 12/22, set up for Candle light 12/23, Candle light services 6 PM & 8 PM 12/24, attended CBYF event 12/27, Bible Reading Sunday 12/29, Greater ministry 12/29, CoB Pastors meeting 12/29, planning meeting for Lenten Sunday evenings 12/29, Camp Appreciation Dinner 12/30, New Year's Eve Communion 12/31, update Shepherding List 1/5, speak at Atrium Manor 1/7, Deacon meeting (Shepherding) 1/10, West End Clergy 1/12, pray at Food Pantry 1/14, visit with Ron Beachley 1/15, finalize Lenten Sunday Evening service 1/19, Pastor Peer lunch 1/20, help with youth Bible study 1/20,

The Spiritual Renewal effort, "Springs of Living Water," is underway and a Renewal Team has been formed (Carol Harrison, Marsha Smith, Sandy Natta, and Tracy Rhodes). A Congregational discussion time will take place in connection with the next Soup and Sandwich dinner. This event is part of the Spiritual Renewal and includes a time to identify the strengths of this church.

I encourage everyone to attend and enjoy the "Sweetheart Dinner" that will happen on February 14. I will be preaching on the topic of "Sin" (I am against it) during the Sundays in Lent. I have requested, and the Executive Committee approved, an additional week of vacation in my contract agreement for the year 2010. I was planning to take three weeks during the middle of February and the first of March but that will depend a bit on how Judy is doing and if it will be possible for us to visit our daughter in Atmore, Alabama. I will be taking a total of 5 weeks vacation this year. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support during this challenging time for Judy and me. Her health is improving but there are many challenges ahead. Sincerely in Christ, Phillip A. King, Pastor

Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for 10/26/09 to 1/25/10:

Hospital / Anointing – 7

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 18

In Office Visits – 16

Home Visits - 6

8:00 services – 10

10:30 services -- 10

Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching) – 11

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 10

Youth CBYF Meetings – 12

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 2

Special Youth Events – 6 = Hanging of the Greens, Michael W. Smith Concert, Youth Praise and Worship Door @ Emanuel Baptist, Cookie Tray Fund Raiser, Christmas Caroling, Jr. High Blizzard @ Camp

Pastor's Meetings – 6

Preached/ Taught At – Pike Run COB, 3 times at "The Break" Moxham COB on Worship, Hanging of the Greens Service

Since October 26, 2009, 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 held organizational meetings for the 2010 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events.

I am teaching on Hearing the Voice of God and Boundary Setting on Wednesday night's small group meetings. We will also be studying the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings we are doing the DVD of the life of Joseph, we will be doing book studies on Every Young Mans and Young Women Battles. For Sunday School we are watching DVD's by Rob Bell on various Relational/ Biblical truths and going through Great Talks Outlines lessons.

I preached at or taught at Pike Run COB, 3 times at The Break @ Moxham COB, Pleasant Hill COB, Hanging of the Greens service. I have been helped in the baking of the cookies. Directed Bell Choir and took the youth to do the events. I got approved for and took vacation 12-29-09 to 1-5-10. I met with some of our youth and college students during this time to catch up with them while they were off during Christmas. I am working on this years youth events calendar for 2010. I will be preaching Jan. 29th at Thomas Mennonite Church. Feb. 7 Souper Bowl collection and Super Bowl party.

Pastor Russ will begin exploring the possibility of purchasing a van to be used for youth activities. John McKown will assist Russ with researching and developing a feasibility plan to present to the board. Terry Gindlesperger reported that the Nurture Commission is not adverse to a van if the focus is on the youth.

Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for 1/24/10:

Worship Services-13

Office- 13

Meetings-3

Sunday School

We will be completing “Journey to Bethlehem” at the end of this month. We will have a special event on Feb. 7th; we will begin packaging hygiene kits for Haiti (Church world Service). Our new unit will be Peter’s Story to prepare for Easter. Our service projects that we completed since the last C.B.M. was Women’s Help Center I delivered the items to the center that was collected. The most recent is the Emmanuel Orphanage in Honduras. We collected approximately \$53.00 for the baby bottle fund drive.

A new project was decided on the 17th. We will be making hygiene kits for Haiti.

We added a new teacher for the story rotation; Cindy Cummings will work with Cassie Jones.

I ordered 24 bells for the children’s bells choir along with music to begin their music library.

I continue to copy curriculum, distribute, set schedules, and maintain classrooms and cupboards.

I also continue to monitor the bear ministry and follow the blog that is on our web page.

The Preschool class is going well; they are sometimes in need of more classroom space.

I held a teacher’s meeting in December

I am recycling children’s bulletins and Children’s Church curriculum, it has been given to Cambria City Mission.

Children’s Church

Our children’s church is going well. We are still looking for teacher/teachers for the 8:00 and the 10:30 service; we have added a new teacher for the 10:30 service, Cindy Cummings.

I continue to copy material, distribute and set schedules.

Personal Activities

I continue my own personal devotions for my spiritual growth.

I keep in contact with the licensed minister that I mentor.

I am teaching a Women’s Bible study.

I continue working on plans for Annual conference.

Board Chairman: No report.

Approval of Reports: Mike Rager made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Ginny Babal, **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- **Call of a Deacon:** Linda Reininger lead prayer for the calling of a deacon. The members voted and Mike and Jessie Rager have been called to be deacons.
- **Affirm two members to the Gifts Discernment/Nominating Committee:** The current members are: Bonnie Bouch, Dick Oaks and Shawna Kosakowski. The presented slate is: Bonnie Plunkard and one remaining vacancy. No motion or second is needed only affirmation. None were opposed.
- **Delegates to Annual Conference:** Annual Conference will be held on July 3 -7 in Pittsburgh. The delegates are Terry Bouch, Bonnie Bouch, and Donna Smith. No motion or second is needed only affirmation. None were opposed.
- **Delegates to District Conference:** The District Conference will be on October 23, 2010 at Camp Harmony. The slates of names for a 3 year term are Cassie Jones and Tammy Horner. No motion or second is needed only affirmation. None were opposed.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ferenchik