

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

**July 13, 2009**

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

**Board Chairman:** Ed Jones

**Nurture Commission:** Terry Gindlesperger, Dale Harrison, Sally Allison, Heather Smith

**Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Gloria Rager

**Witness Commission:** Judy Rhodes

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

**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 us in a devotion on faith the size of a mustard seed, followed by prayer.

**Executive Committee:** Ed Jones reported that one meeting was held following last month's board meeting. Heather Smith will be acting as an assistant treasurer. He asked for Executive Committee members to please remain after this meeting as well.

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

**Old Business:** None

**Nurture Commission:** Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. As a point of interest, he informed us that Cassie Jones will be taking over Junior Church for the time being. The commission, along with Pastor Phil, is looking into a new way of promoting Sunday School. A promotion day will be held shortly after Labor Day, more details to come. Vacation Bible School will be held August 3-7, with the picnic on Sunday, August 9. Gloria Rager shared a little on Bible School. This year's theme is game shows. She is still looking for volunteers to help in many ways. Terry thanked Gloria for all of her hard work. At the picnic, a Christian Education table will be on display in an attempt to promote our Sunday School classes. A "We Care Team" is being formed to follow up with graduates after Graduation Sunday. Janet Pudliner and Kathy Ferenchik have been working with Pastor Phil to form this team. Pleasant Hill has been approved as the host church for September 26<sup>th</sup>'s Springs of Living Water spiritual renewal seminar, and the church has adopted the entire process. This is a 3 year commitment.

**Witness Commission:** Judy Rhodes reminded us of the Red Cross blood drive in the church on August 29, from 9:00 to 2:00. Donors and volunteers are needed – please call Ginny Babal. The commission is hoping to do another can collection for the West End Food Pantry as they did last year. Pastor Phil reminded us that a bin is always available for donations, and donated items are taken to the pantry weekly. The board agreed that another special drive would be a good idea, and it was decided to start collecting now, and have the last collection date as August 9, the day of the Summer Picnic. Pastor Phil and Gloria Rager will discuss incorporating this into Bible School again as we did last year. Cassie Jones made a motion to hold the drive from now until August 9, seconded by Dale Harrison, **Motion Carried.**

**Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta informed us that the clean-up day on Saturday went very well. They are planning a church grove clean-up day for Saturday, July 25. Some of the things that need done are weed-eating, and chain-sawing, so anyone that can help with this manual labor is encouraged to attend. A number of other issues need attention at the grove as well, and the stewards are hoping to take care of these things before the picnic. The cordless phone for the kitchen is on back-order at this time, but it will be purchased and installed as soon as possible. The exhaust fan in the attic needs replaced. John Plunkard is looking into replacing the church sign at the bottom of Benshoff Hill Rd. During clean-up, some old items were found in the closet in the chapel. Gloria Rager agreed to go through the items, as many of them can probably be discarded to allow more room for storage. Tammy Horner has asked if she could please store the vacuum cleaner in this closet instead of the men's room, and they are trying to make space for her to do so. John Plunkard has developed time sheets for the janitor and the grove caretaker so that quarterly reports can be made. The speakers in the nursery and in the chapel are being looked at.

**Music & Worship Commission:** Mike Rager gave the report. The commission purchased 13 dozen cookies for Father's Day, and this was way too many. They are planning on purchasing only 10 dozen or so next year. The CDs of the 10:30 service are not picking up the congregation singing or the organ playing. Mike is going to speak to Barry Miller and see if they can work something out to fix this problem. Pastor Phil created sign-up sheets for the summer picnic; these will be passed throughout the Sunday School classes. Pastor Phil will work with the commission this year to plan the event, so that next year Music and Worship can do the planning properly.

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

**Deacon Report:** Pete Smith gave the report. Summer communion was held on Sunday, July 12 during both worship services. 81 were served communion at 8:00, and 119 at 10:30, for a total of 200 served. The deacons will have a meeting in September, at which point they will begin preparing for October's Love Feast.

**Treasurers Report:** Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report.

**Disaster Relief:** No report.

**Camp Harmony:** Pastor Russ told us that the camp is doing very well at this point.

**Brethren Home:** No report.

**Brethren Benefit Trust:** No report.

**Vision Task Team:** Pastor Phil reported. The team met on June 14, and spoke a lot about relationships in the church, with a major concentration on ways to build relationships with graduates after Graduation Sunday. This is what brought about the formation of the "We Care Team" previously mentioned. Pastor Phil reminded us that the Vision Team meetings are open, and anyone who is interested may attend. The team itself has been appointed by the board, but they welcome anyone who wants to speak their mind.

**Pastor Phillip King – Report for June 2009:**

Pastoral Calls

Hospital/Nursing Home	21
Homes	7
Funeral Home	3
School/Work	2
Jail	1
Office	2
Total	36

Committee meetings	2
Commission meetings	4
Board meeting	1
Business meeting	
Staff meetings	1

8 AM Worship	4
Sunday School	4
10:30 Worship	4
Sunday Evening	1
Anointings	4
Parent/Child Consecration	1

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Activities: Deacon Meeting 6/2, Kingdom Assignment Study 6/2, Lunch with Quilters 6.3, Sing at the Cambria City Mission 6/7, West End Clergy 6/9, Vision Team meeting 6/14, All Seasons Class meeting 6/15, preach at Atrium Manor 6/18, Dorchak Graduation party 6/20, Camp Reunion and Convocation 6/20, Community Newsletter 6/24, Performing Arts Camp Dinner Theater 6/26, Arbutus CoB breakfast 6/27

Vacation Bible School will soon be here. This is a tremendous spiritual formation event for our children and a wonderful outreach into our community. We need to support this event and the Summer Picnic which is associated with it.

**Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for June 2009**

48 youth and 10 advisors attended Creation this year, and most of Pastor Russ’s time in June was spent preparing for this event. A car wash was held before Creation, and another will be held this Saturday, with a pool party after at Jeff and Cindy Day’s house. The youth are selling Sheetz tickets.

Pastor Russ finished his SVMC class. The youth will be helping at the Family Kitchen in the fall. He is hoping to start Bell Choir practices early this year. A sign-up sheet will be put up in the Narthex and a notice will be included in the upcoming bulletins. In past years, the bell choir has been borrowing bells. Pastor Russ is wondering if the church can possibly purchase their own bells under the organ/instrument fund.

Pastor Russ requested vacation time July 21-27 (he will be back for the congregational business meeting), and August 5-9. Gloria Rager made a motion to accept this vacation request, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.**

**Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for June 2009**

Worship Services-5

Meetings3

Office-5

**Sunday School:**

I continue to monitor the Sunday school program for the Rotation Model. At the end of the month we will begin our new unit “Building the Tabernacle”. I will be distributing the new material on the 26<sup>th</sup> at our Teacher’s meeting. The children will be having a special activity which I need to plan.

I have set up and planned an outing for the rotation model class. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be going to a playground at Westmont, having lunch and then we will travel to the Brethren Home. The children will sing and play the bells. We have not discussed a new project to use our offering money but will be making a decision soon.

**Children’s Church:**

Children’s Church is going well. Cassie Jones has taken on the responsibility to teach Junior Church every Sunday until October when they will begin their practice for the Christmas program. Lori Denhard is taking a break due to the birth of her child until January 2010 when she will reconsider helping.

**Personal Activities:**

I continue working on Annual Conference 2010 and mentoring a licensed minister.

**Board Chairman:** No report.

**Other:** Pete Smith is on the District Board of Stewards. He reminded us that the District Auction is coming up in November, if anyone wants to donate items to be auctioned. He also asked Pastor Phil about our reports submitted to the district for membership. In the past, we have reported on our full membership, but it would be better if we could report our active membership. Pastor Phil said that this should not be a problem.

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

**Set Agenda for July’s Congregational Business Meeting:** Pastor Phil reminded us that a report will need to be given by those who attended Annual Conference in San Diego. A renewal team will need to be appointed for Springs of Living Water. Anyone who is interested in being on this team should contact Pastor Phil or Terry Gindlesperger. The pastors’ licenses should also be approved at the congregational meeting.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jessie Rager, Church Clerk