

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren – Congregational Business Meeting – Monday, July 27, 2009

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 25 persons in attendance.

Jay Carney, Assistant Church Moderator, called the meeting to order. Pastor Phil began the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Jay Carney asked to have the agenda approved. Ed Jones made a motion that the agenda be approved, seconded by Pastor Russ Peruso, **Motion carried.**

Minutes: Jay Carney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April's Congregational Business Meeting. Pete Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mike Rager, **Motion carried.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee: Ed Jones reported that the committee held two meetings. Heather Smith was approved as an assistant treasurer, and the committee completed the paperwork for relicensing Pastor Russ and Terry Gindlesperger.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. A Family Activities Committee has been formed. Members are Pastor Phil and Judy King, Butch and Amelia Derr, John and Heather Pudliner, and Mike and Jess Rager. Terry passed information on Springs of Living Water and shared this thought with us – We need personal renewal for revival in the church. September 26 is the next district event for Springs of Living Water, and this event will be held at Pleasant Hill. A renewal team of 5-7 individuals should be appointed; if you are interested please contact Pastor Phil or Terry.

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal gave the report. Christmas in July (fundraiser for the Family Kitchen and food pantries) was on Sunday. Ginny does not have a total on the money earned yet, but will let us know when she does. All the money raised will be split between the Family Kitchen and all of the Cambria County food pantries. The money earned from the sale of the buttons will go to these charities as well. Pleasant Hill is doing another drive for the West End Food Pantry and we are hoping to collect over 500 non-perishable items. On June 21, items were collected for United Way. On July 9, 4 kids from Pleasant Hill went to "Kindercamp" at Camp Harmony and loved it. We are still collecting Campbells labels for camp. The blood drive will be August 29, from 9:00 to 2:00. Help is still needed. Ginny has the item lists for the kits from the heart for District Conference. This information will be passed through the Sunday School classes.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported that the commission held two cleanup days, one at the church and one at the picnic grove. Both went very well. There are still some issues that need addressed at the grove. They are looking into metal roofing for the building at the grove. Tammy Horner obtained two estimates for exterminators for the church. The fans/vents in the attic are being repaired or replaced as needed. John Plunkard has created a quarterly task list for the custodian so that Tammy can give a quarterly report. The new phone has been installed in the kitchen. The AED is in, and Kim Dishong will be installing it. This will help in case of an emergency situation. A number of persons in the church will be trained to use the device. The stewards may choose to switch to a new dumpster carrier to save money.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. Flowers were given out on Mother's Day, and cookies were passed out on Father's Day. The commission will purchase fewer cookies next year, as they had a lot left over. May 21 was Memorial Sunday, and some photographs were not received in time for the slide show. The deadline will need to be earlier next year and should be strictly enforced. Music and Worship is helping with the church picnic plans this year, and next year will take over the planning of this event. Some problems are occurring with the CDs of the 10:30 service and this is being looked into.

Approval of Reports: John Plunkard made a motion to approve reports; Misty Plunkard seconded the motion, **Motion carried.**

Deacon Report: Pete Smith reported that 81 were served communion at the 8:00 service and 119 at the 10:30 service on July 12, for a total of 200 served. The next Deacon meeting will be September 3. The Deacons will begin preparation for Fall Communion.

Treasurer Report: Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report. He will need the commissions' budgets handed in for October's congregational meeting.

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

Disaster Relief: No report

Camp Harmony: Jim Cameron reported that camp is making good progress but still needs our support. Camp has been full lately and is under great management. Enrollment has improved significantly over the past few years.

Brethren Home: No report

Brethren Benefit Trust: Terry Gindlesperger passed out Annual Reports for BBT.

Vision Task Team: The team is up and running again, but no report was given.

Pastor Phillip King – Report for 4/27/09 to 7/27/09:

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	42		
Homes	37		
Funeral Homes	10		
Jail	5		
Work/School	9		
Office	9	Total	112

Staff meetings	5
Committee meetings	9
Board Meetings	2
Commission meetings	8
Business Meeting	1

8 AM Worship	13
Sunday School	13
10:30 Am Worship	13
Evening Worship	4
Promise Keepers	3
Choir practice	2
Anointing	7
Communions	1

Parent/Child Consecration	2	Noah James Rager	5/10/09
		Levi Kelsey Cameron	6/28/09
Funerals	2	Georgia Tony	5/26/09
		James Carmichael	7/26/09

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter: Gladys Kovach, Mildred Blue, Belva Rager, Aggie Mae Harrison, Bob & Anna Craft, Jim & Marian Covalt, Norma McDowell, Virginia Rummel, Mildred Rager, June Berg

Activities for this Quarter: CoB Ministers at Camp Harmony 4/28, Steering Committee Celebrate One 4/29, Register delegates for Annual Conference 4/30, Springs of Living Water Training 5/2, Maple Spring CoB Chicken Dinner 5/2, Unity Praise Choir practice 5/3, West End Hymn Sing 5/3, Bob Berkey Funeral (Suzy Moss’s Dad) 5/5, District Core Leadership Team 5/5, Nerone Hearing (Barron Courtroom) 5/6, set up Pasquerilla Center 5/7, Celebrate One 5/7, Ordination interview for James Berkebile 5/8, Pastor/peer meeting with Bill Fry 5/8, Fire Company Spaghetti Supper 5/9, West End Clergy 5.12, Direct serving for Mother/Daughter Banquet 5/12, Pray at Food Pantry 5/14, District Leadership Team 5/16, Bobby Allison fiftieth party 5/17, Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir here 5/17, Cummings Funeral Meal 5/18, Election Day at Fire Hall 5/19, present Elementary Chapel at Johnstown Christian School 5/20, Pastor & Parish Ministry Team meeting 5/21, Vision Task Team 5/21, speak at Men’s Breakfast Bethany United Methodist 5/23, helped with funeral for Georgia Tony 5/26, NAMI clergy meeting 5/26, Celebrate One Steering Committee 5/27, Pastor/peer meeting with Rob Rummel 5/27, Participated in Camp Harmony 5K event 5/30, Camp Harmony Pork Dinner 5/31, did special music for Hymn Sing at Roxbury 5/31, Deacon Meeting 6/2, Kingdom Assignment Study 6/2, Lunch with Quilters 6/3, Open House at new apartments at CoB Home 6/4, sang 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, West End Clergy dinner (goodbye to Andy Stanko, Kyle Cannon, Peter Helmers), Community Newsletter 6/24, Performing Arts Camp Dinner Theater 6/26, Arbutus CoB breakfast 6/27, speak at Atrium Manor 7/2, formed “We Care” committee 7/9, helped Work Day at church 7/11, Summer Communion 7/12, meeting with Ron Beachley 7/15, meeting with Charles Whipple 7/15, Interview (Amish) at West Penn Hospital 7/17, Family Activity

Day at Delgrosso's Park 7/19, Lunch with Auxiliary at Fire Hall 7/21, Prepare Pastor & Parish Ministry Report for District Conference 7/23, visit Adventure Camp 7/24, helped Work Day in the Grove 7/25

Vacation Bible School is "just around the corner." This is the largest out-reach event of this church and should be a part of all your prayers. Please support Bible School in every way that you can including volunteering your time. Sunday, August 9, is a big day for this church beginning with a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and continuing in the sanctuary with presentations by our Bible School Children and then on to the Church Grove for the Summer Picnic. The spiritual renewal effort called "Springs of Living Water" is an important venture by our church family. I will be using some pulpit time starting in September to encourage our church in spiritual renewal. Please bring canned items for the Food Drive that we are doing up through and including Bible School week. Don't forget the blood drive on August 29.

Sunday School and Small Group Ministry must be the focus of early September. We need to explore new ways of promoting Sunday School. Several of us involved closely with the Sunday School are discussing an idea for the second Sunday in September (this might take the place Rally Sunday). Could we not have a special display set up in the Fellowship Hall where each Sunday School Class and each Small Group in our church could have a table to display and promote and encourage involvement in specific groups? A trifold would be available for each promotion table. Covenant Bible Studies could start that evening and this event could promote interest in this Bible Study and many other ministries of this church.

I fear that our Church Grove will become a financial liability upon this church in years ahead. How can our Church Grove become a productive part of the ministry of this church?

Sincerely in Christ,
Phillip A. King, Pastor

Pastor Phil also mentioned his concern on the way that funeral meals are handled in the church. He wonders if we might choose to look at a different way of handling the meals. He asked for input on the new way of promoting Sunday School and Small Group Ministry. Some discussion was held. The setup will be in the chapel instead of the Fellowship Hall. Members present at the meeting felt that the information would have a better chance of being seen this way, especially by those who are not attending a class or small group.

Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for 7-27-09:

Hospital / Anointings – 12

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – too many to count

In Office Visits – 10

Home Visits – 7

8:00 services – 10

10:30 services - 11

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 12

Youth Bible Studies (Teaching) - 9

Youth CBYF Meetings – 10

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 4

Special Youth Events – 4 – 2 car washes, Acquire the Fire, Creationfest

Pastor's Meetings – 5

SVMC Classes – Preaching

Preached/Taught at – 2 communion services, 3 services at Moxham CoB.

Youth Net Meeting – 1

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 1 Youth Net Meeting. I held organizational meetings for the 2009 Youth Events, meetings, fundraisers, teachings, and special events. I 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 on Wednesday night's small group meetings. We have 2 more lessons on the "Bate of Satan" after which I will be teaching on the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings I will be talking about relationships and boundary setting between boys and girls with the Youth Specialty curriculum "Good Sex". For Sunday School in the youth room we are watching some Robb Bell DVDs on a variety of issues relevant to our spiritual growth.

The youth group did the above mentioned activities. Jill and I took 9 Jr. High youth to Pittsburgh for the Acquire the Fire Youth Conference on May 8-9. I finished and handed out Creation 09 paperwork. My staff and I took 49 youth this year to Creation 09, this includes 10 staff. A lot of work for this one! We have held 2 car washes. We made about \$347 at one and about \$200 at the other. We are also selling Sheetz MTO tickets. I finished a SVMC class on preaching at Rummel CoB. I have 5 more classes to go. I spoke on spiritual renewal at Moxham CoB for services. Lead the communion part of both services. Took a vacation week from July 21-27, I worked at home and ran high ropes course at Camp Harmony that week. I will be preaching at Conemaugh CoB this Sunday.

Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for 7-27-09:

Worship Services-13

Meetings-7

Office-13

Sunday School: I ordered new supplies for the Preschool class. A total of \$496.95 was donated and the class is presently enjoying the new puzzles, sand table etc. I worked with Amy Swick to prepare a short presentation of the preschool class that was shown during both services in May. I provided a prayer of dedication following the presentation.

Our blog continues to provide the children and families with information about our class please stop by and visit the blog. I continue to provide the gathering time. We memorize Bible verses, have prayer time, and enhance the unit that we are studying through activities.

I provided an outing for the children in the rotation model. We spent play time at a playground, had pizza for lunch then traveled to the Brethren home in Scalp Level where the children sang and played their bells. We had approximately 21 children and adults.

We have completed the unit on the Ten Commandments and as of Aug. 16th we will begin a new unit-“Building the Tabernacle”. We should be able to send \$175.00 to Church World Service for 35 blankets. We will be deciding on a new service project for the fall. We will have a special activity for Sunday the 2nd-I will be making arrangements for this. I will also provide a teacher’s meeting during the special activity.

Children’s Church: Cassie Jones and Zack Toth will be teaching junior church until the Christmas program practice begins in October. Lori Denhard is taking a break due to the birth of her child.

Personal Activities: I have met with the licensed minister that I am mentoring and met with my own mentor.

I provided the discussion time for the Sub-District Ministers Meeting.

I continue to work on Annual Conference 2010.

Board Chairman: No report

Approval of Reports: Ginny Babal made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion carried.**

New Business: Reports from Annual Conference.

Mike Rager explained the business that was taken care of at conference. New business items were:

1. A Structural Framework for Dealing with Strongly Controversial Issues
2. Query: Language on Same Sex Covenantal Relationships
3. Query: Secret Oath-Bound Societies
4. A Statement of Confession and Commitment
5. Bylaws of the Church of the Brethren, Inc. (the “Corporation”)

If anyone has questions on these items, please contact Mike or Jessie Rager (this year’s delegates from Pleasant Hill), or Pastor Phil.

Re-licensing for Russell Peruso and Terry Gindlesperger: Pastor Phil moved to re-license Pastor Russ, seconded by Pete Smith, **Motion Carried.** Pastor Phil moved that we re-license Terry, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion Carried.**

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Rager, Church Clerk