

Pleasant Hill COB Church Board Meeting March 9, 2009

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger, Dale Harrison, Jennifer Conley

Stewards Commission: John Plunkard, Barry Miller, Gloria Rager

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal, Judy Rhodes, Laura Wade

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager, Jerry Rhodes, Misty Plunkard, Marsha Smith

Deacon Representative: Pete Smith

Treasurer: Pete Smith

Pastor: Phil King

Associate Pastor/Youth Director: Russ Peruso

Christian Education Director: Amelia Derr

Special Guest: Ron Beachley

Pastor Phil called the meeting with prayer and led devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the January minutes. Mike Rager made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dale Harrison, **Motion Carried.**

Old Business: None.

Special Guest: Ron Beachley, District Pastor visited for this meeting. He thanked the members of the board for being willing to serve in this position. He also wanted to give the board ideas for what to do as leaders of the church: keep a clear vision in serving the Lord, keep people engaged in worship, and keep working on sharing and reaching out. Ron also pointed out that the district purchased a book entitled "Springs of Living Water." On May 2, (location unknown yet), the district will have a meeting. Participants will receive a workbook based on "Spring of Living Water" to work on reaching out and sharing God's love. Free lunch will be provided. No questions were asked.

Executive Committee: Ed Jones reported that the committee had no meetings since after last month's board meeting.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Good Friday from 1:00 to 3:00. Volunteers can assist Gloria Rager with filling Easter eggs. The church website now features work based on the rotation Sunday School model. The youth have several activities they will be doing for Lent. Also, Nurture Commission has approved to present a preschool "wish list" project to generate supplies from the church for the preschool class. This would be in the form of a special offering to collect about \$450 for everything. They are still considering how to promote the project. Amelia Derr mentioned that envelopes will be in the narthex along with a form for people to place special money in the offering. They questioned if this was okay with the Stewards. John Plunkard said it was fine as long as the money was labeled only for this particular use. Pete Smith wanted to make sure checks payable to Pleasant Hill CoB were in an envelope to be separate from the general offering. Question: Ginny Babal wanted to know if people could buy particular products from the wish list. Answer: No, they only want money to be collected so they can buy everything together. Gloria Rager suggested that amounts for the items would not be included on the wish list, just the items themselves. Amelia was unsure how to word the wish list so people knew that they were not giving money beyond what was needed for the supplies. A decision was made that the wish list will specifically stipulate that they only want money as donations, not supplies. Terry also mentioned that they are working on a sandbox project for the preschool room. They will put collection envelopes in bulletin at a time that does not coincide with other collections.

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal reported that all positions have been filled for working at the Family Kitchen on March 21. A new person is in charge at the Family Kitchen, so they will find out what to expect for the Youth working on Oct. 18. Two checks were sent to receive matching funds for donations to the West End Food Pantry. Pete Smith also sent in the money to pay for the Family Kitchen donation on Oct. 18 to see if that would be matched also. Lindy Eash from New Day would like new craft ideas for items to be sold at the gift wrapping tables. The commission would like to put a note in the bulletin to set up a craft evening to create these items. Ginny already has a pattern for crochet angels that can be made.

Stewards Commission: John Plunkard reported. The Stewards have fixed the following: the handrail at the end of the fellowship hall, a valve in one of the urinals, and the toilet in the women's bathroom. They still have to fix the following: patching the plaster on the wall above the organ and piano in the sanctuary, the handrail by the stage for the quilters, and relocating a light switch for the quilters where they keep their supplies (by the stage). The wheelchair lift was inspected as required, but it also needs to be tested. A company will come to test it for them so the church is no longer in code violation. The Stewards will meet with representatives from

Atlantic Broadband to potentially update the phone and internet services. The Stewards will also organize a clean-up day with the other commissions and Sunday School classes after a walkthrough to move supplies around to their proper locations in the church and throw away trash. They are still looking for a caretaker for the church grove and ball field. John wanted to know if the board had any thoughts on the type of handrail they should get to replace the one in front of the church. They will probably get a vinyl one.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager brought the report. Altar flowers are now being ordered from Ray's Florist instead of B & B Floral. The new prices are \$20 for one arrangement or \$30 for two. The new prices have been listed in the bulletin. Four new inserts were needed for the flowers; they are unsure if there is a charge or not. Daffodil Sunday will be on March 22. Jerry Rhodes will pick them up on Friday, March 20. People will be placed at the doors on that Sunday to sell single daffodils as well. Dick Oaks has given the Commission a copy of the schedule for changing the colors of the altar coverings in the sanctuary that June Hoyland used. Music & Worship will now be in charge of changing those for the different seasons throughout the year. Misty Plunkard will collect Easter flower orders, which are due March 29. They will be ordered March 30 along with palms for Palm Sunday. A delivery date will be determined to make sure flowers are not in the sanctuary for Tenebrae service on Good Friday. Children will pass palms out to the congregation on Palm Sunday after the children's story.

Approval of Reports: Laura Wade made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Gloria Rager, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Pete Smith mentioned that the Deacons had their first meeting of the year to prepare for communion. They also recommended that Pastor Phil bring an item to the board's attention. He will mention this later.

Treasurers Report: Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report. He mentioned that Misc Pass Thru was the money donated to the Food Pantry. All expenses seem normal; everything is a little below budget so far. Pete recommended that the executive committee consider receiving bulletins and newsletters electronically to save money on postage since rates will be going up.

Disaster Relief, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home, Brethren Benefit Trust: Ginny Babal reported on Camp Harmony. They are looking at having a preschool day camp. They have day camp for grades K through 3rd on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, so they may have half-day camps for preschoolers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marsha Smith reported on the Brethren Home. They had zero deficiencies for their annual inspection. They are working on contract talks with the P.N. union. Coventry House is coming along well.

Vision Task Team: No report.

**Pastor's Report:
Phillip A. King**

**1/12/09 to 3/9/09
Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren**

Pastoral Calls

Hospital/Nursing Home	24
Homes	12
Funeral Home	4
School/Work	
Office	5

Total 46

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

8 AM Worship	6
Sunday School	6
10:30 Worship	6
Sunday Evening	5
Promise Keepers	1
Choir Practice	2
Anointings	5

Activities:

West End Clergy 1/13, letter of transfer John C Moschgat 1/13, District Pastor admin work 1/14, Pray at Food Pantry 1/15, District Office Interview 1/21, Directory work 1/22, Pastor Peer meeting 1/22, CoB Ministers 1/27, register Annual Conference Delegates 1/28, Bulk mail 1/29, called church Celebrate One 1/30, Steering Committee Celebrate One 1/4, preach at Atrium Manor 1/5, prepare

Statistical Report 1/6, Alethia Class Meeting 1/6, music consult with Bill Williams 1/7, Vacation 2/10 – 2/23, CoB Ministers 2/24, helped with Ash Wednesday service 2/26, make-up class for SVMC 2/26, bulk mail 2/26, prepare for Pastor's Class 2/28, D&R Committee meeting 3/3, Deacon meeting 3/3, Lenten Luncheon 3/4, IRS meeting Pete Smith and Barron Deffenbaugh 3/5, Pastor/Spouse Retreat at Camp Harmony 3/6, 3/7, CBYF Soup & Sandwich 3/8,

I am presently teacher a Pastor's Class to prepare folks for baptism and/or membership. Baptism will be April 5. Love Feast will be April 9. I will be speaking at the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday and at the Cambria County Christian School next week. I am providing administrative leadership for the choir at Celebrate One which will take place on May 7. I am the Chairperson of the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team in the District and this involves some administrative work.

Shut-ins

Janet Roberts, Belva Rager, Aggie Mae Harrison, Mabel Rose, June Berg, Mildred Blue, Mildred Rager,

Pastor Phil brought up an issue the Deacons asked him to address. They are concerned about the Freedom of Choice Act going through Congress that the President has already said he would sign. The Act deals with abortion – it would be the federal government's decision on how to handle it and not the responsibility of the individual states or clinics. The Act affects religious concerns in the government. The Deacons would need board approval to encourage people to contact their congressmen to vote against this bill. Motion was made by the Deacon Board, seconded by Terry Gindlesperger. **Motion Carried.** Copies of the Act and sample letters to congressmen will be placed on the bulletin board.

Associate Pastor Report: Russell Peruso

Pastor Russ was asked by Bill Winger to speak at Moxham Church of the Brethren on the night of the next Congregational Business Meeting. He wanted approval to miss the meeting, but he would still submit his report. Motion to this effect was made by Laura Wade, seconded by Gloria Rager. **Motion Carried.**

Christian Education Report: Amelia Derr

Office -7
Worship Services-7
Meetings-1
Trainings-1
Home Visits-1

Sunday School-

Continue to maintain rotation model and provide a gathering time. We have completed memorizing a number of memory verses and will begin working on a new set. We will be doing a small presentation in the near future during the worship time; the children will recite their verses. Our new service project is for the Church World Service blanket project. Our offering collected will be donated and CWS will purchase the blankets.

I organized a sleepover at the church we had approximately 10 children that attended. I was told by the children they want this to happen again. I had 3 teachers and one youth help with the event.

I also organized a training on autism for the church so that we will have more of an understanding of autism and will be more prepared as we work with children who have autism.

I have also filled in on Sunday morning for teachers who had conflicts with youth activities.

The Rotation Model now has a Blog and can be viewed by clicking on to the link through the church's website. We have a student of the week, our memory verses, and pictures of our activities, the schedule and other interesting things to be viewed. Check us out. A student is doing all of the work.

Children's Church

Our new Children's Church for the 8:00 a.m. service is going well. I have discontinued the 10:30 a.m. Preschool Children's Church and have moved the preschool children into the Primary Children's Church, basically due to the number of children in Primary Church. I continue to copy and distribute curriculum for the teachers and maintain a schedule.

Personal Activities

I attended the Pastor Spouse Retreat at Camp Harmony and will receive CEU's for attending.

My husband and I continue to fill the positions for Annual Conference 2010

I preached for the Johnstown Sub-District Lenten Service on March 1, 2009.

Board Chairman: Ed Jones gave no report.

Other: Pete Smith wanted to know what was going on with getting safety and health equipment for the church. Pastor Russ said he has talked to Kim Dishong who was trying to obtain it for free, but we might have to pay for it instead. Ed Jones mentioned that we would need prices before approving the purchases.

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

Correspondence: Ed Jones passed around a note from Ron Beachley and the district thanking the church for hosting the District Leadership Team meeting.

New Business: Pleasant Hill will be hosting the West End Good Friday service this year from 12 -3. Ed Jones mentioned that there may be a conflict with the Easter Egg hunt in the Fellowship Hall. A decision was made to change the time of the Easter Egg hunt to 2:00 – 4:00 to cut down on time overlap.

Pastor Phil stated that he would like to try to revive the Vision Task Team, which is mainly a think tank for new ideas in the church. Each board member was given a card and asked to list someone they think would make a good appointment to the Vision Task Team.

Pastor Russ mentioned that he would like to increase his housing allowance. Mike Rager made a motion to increase his housing allowance from \$16,000 to \$20,000 for the rest of 2009, seconded by Barry Miller. **Motion Carried.**

Ed Jones asked the Executive Committee to remain for a meeting afterward.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rager