

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
Church Board Meeting **March 8, 2010**

The Church Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones

Nurture Commission: Sally Allison, Heather Smith

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Gloria Rager, John MacEwan, Roger Swick, Barry Miller

Witness Commission: Judy Rhodes (left due to illness), Kris Goldberg, Jessie Rager

Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager, Misty Plunkard, Jerry Rhodes (left due to illness)

Marsha Smith

Treasurer: Pete Smith

Deacon Representative: Cindy Gossard

Christian Education Director: Amelia Derr

Pastor: Phil King

Associate Pastor/Youth Director: Russ Peruso

Church Clerk: Diana Mikolic

Other:

Ed Jones called the meeting and Pastor Phil led devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January board meeting. Mike Rager made a motion to approve the minutes, Misty Plunkard seconded. **Motion Carried**

Old Business: Pastor Phil questioned whether a 5th member of the Gift Discernment Team had been named.. Lori Rhodes had offered to sit on the Team. John Plunkard made a motion to approve the appointment, Gloria Rager seconded the motion. **Motion carried**

Executive Committee/Board Chair: Ed Jones reported that the Executive committee had not met but will meet after the regular meeting. There are two issues to be discussed. Pastor Russ has a question about the purchase of a van and how that that relates to the Executive Committee. Also, a time needs to be set to interview the two applicants for the nursery coordinator position

Nurture Commission: Heather Smith reported. There is nothing new to report since the last meeting. There were only two members present so there wasn't a quorum.

Witness Commission: Kris Goldberg reported. They also did not have a quorum but had talked to Patty Toth by phone. Pastor Phil had asked for \$100.00 to be given to Celebrate One. This donation has been made every year and the commission agreed to continue the donation. Ginny will need people to help on Saturday, March 20 at the Family Kitchen. Ron Beachley from the District had challenged each church to make three family household kits for Haiti. They need to be turned into the District by April 16. The cost to assemble and ship each kit is \$200. The Witness Committee will make one and also will challenge the church to do another one or possibly two. The Western Pa. District gave over \$24,000 cash to Haiti

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. The stewards are working toward two major projects. The first is the roof, the second will be to install real bathrooms at the groove. There are also several small projects. Changing the front and storm doors at Pastor Phil's home. Also a couple projects around the church. Gloria reported that a refurbished copier has been purchased from Hilltop Office Supply for \$495. The price includes a maintenance agreement, toner and other features that should accommodate the needs of the office. The cost per

copy should be one cent. The new machine can be delivered this week, Hilltop will remove the old copier and will provide training for office personnel. The blinds in the chapel and three windows in the kids Sunday School Room were installed. Barry contacted four trash collection companies and no one was interested in changing the dumpster. We're not on their scheduled routes. Barry also noted that the stewards are aware that the awning is bowed and has a hole in it. They will address the problem when a new roof is installed.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. March 14 is the deadline for Easter flowers. March 21 the deadline for daffodils. Jerry will take care of those. Palms will be bought for Palm Sunday and the kids will pass those out again. Mike is still trying to contact someone to get the sound board cleaned. Still looking for a deal on the bells; There will be some dates to fill when Pastor Phil takes vacation. Will try to get Noah Martin in for one Sunday and Pastor Russ will take the other days.

Approval of Reports: Barry Natta made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Marsha Smith, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Cindy Gossard reported. Deacons met on March the 2nd. Set a date to bake the bread on March 22nd. Assigned mentors to Mike and Jessie and assigned mentors to new members who are going to be baptized. Pastor Phil will set up a date to bring Barry and Gail before the congregation as deacons and have a laying on of hands. They have finished their probationary period. Mike and Jessie to the will be presented to the congregation as deacons.

Treasurers Report: Everyone received a copy of the report. Pete reported. The biggest expense is heating oil. Projected income is down over \$8.000.

Disaster Relief, Camp Harmony, Brethren Home: No report.

Brethren Benefit Trust: No report.

Vision Task Team: No report.

PASTOR'S REPORT
Phillip A. King

February 2010
Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

Pastoral Calls

Hospital/Nursing Home	14	
Homes	7	
Funeral Home	1	
School/Work	1	
Office	2	
		Total 25
Committee meetings	3	
Staff meetings	3	
8 AM Worship	4	
Sunday School	4	
10:30 Worship	4	
Hymn Sing	1	
Lenten Sunday Evening	2	
Choir Practice	2	
Promise Keepers	2	
Anointings	2	

Newsletter mailing 2/2, Youth Super Bowl Party 2/7, District Core Leadership Team 2/8, We Care Packages for Youth 2/8, West End Clergy 2/9, Celebrate One Steering Committee 2/11, Sweetheart Dinner 2/14, Ordination Review Paper 2/11, Pray at Food Pantry 2/18, District Leadership Team 2/20, Pastor's Class begins 2/21, CoB Ministers meeting 2/23, Pastor Peer Meeting 2/24, Lenten Luncheon 2/24, Rager Funeral 2/28, Meeting to select music 2/27

I am serving on the Celebrate One Steering Committee again this year. I am requesting 3 weeks of vacation starting April 13 and ending May 3. I am teaching "Ethics in Ministerial Leadership" to the ordained and licensed ministers in the Western PA District.

Approval for Pastor Phil's Vacation: John Plunkard made motion to approve vacation, seconded by Gloria Rager. **Motion carried**

Assoc. /Youth Pastor, Board Meeting Report 1-25-10 to 3-8-10

Hospital / Anointing – 2

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 8

In Office Visits – 4

Home Visits – 2

8:00 services – 4

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 2

10:30 services - 5

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) – 5

Youth CBYF Meetings – 5

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 3

Special Youth Events – 5-- Sr. High Winter Blast, Souper Bowl Collection, Super Bowl Party, Sweetheart Meal, 30 hr. Famine Collection

Pastor's Meetings – 2- Pastor

Preached/ Spoke- 1 Thomas Mennonite

I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School Classes, CBYF Meetings, Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Studies unless we had a youth event to prepare for.

I held 3 organizational meeting for the 2010 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events.

I have preached at Thomas Mennonite on Jan. 31. I have spent a lot of time and energy on the upcoming youth and church events such as Sweetheart Meal, Missions trip, Creation Fest 2010, Tenebrae, Easter Sunrise Service, SVMC classes, not to mention all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly youth meetings.

I attended Deacon Meeting.

I am teaching on Hearing the Voice of God, Wednesday night's small group meetings. We will also be studying the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings we finished The Story of Joseph and will be beginning the 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 though Great Talks Outlines lessons.

On Jan. 29-30, 6 youth attended Sr. High Winter Blast will be at Camp Harmony. The youth collected for the Souper Bowl Collection that blessed West End Food Pantry with \$260 and about 30 non perishables. They had a super bowl party in the youth room that was attended by 20 youth. We held the Sweetheart Meal on Feb. 14, we took in \$662 and made about \$445. We also collected for 30hr. Famine that will be held at Camp Harmony March 12-13 with a concert on Sat. night at camp so far we collected \$322. March 20th is the Toby Mac and Skillet Concert at Johnstown War Memorial for the youth. The youth will be doing Easter Sunrise breakfast and sunrise service on April 4th. We have some big youth events in the planning for this year. Most of the youth will be going to Creation Fest 2010 on June 29 to July 4, Senior High Mission Trip. On July 26-31 the Senior

High youth will be going on a mission's trip to Westmoreland, Tn. Where they be ministering to the community of Westmorland.

**March 8, 2010 Board Meeting
Christian Education Report
Amelia Derr**

**Worship Services-5
Office-5
Meetings-3
Home visits-1
Funeral – 1**

Sunday school

We are reusing a curriculum, Peter's Easter Story to prepare the children for Easter; which we have begun. I copied and distributed the curriculum, straightened up classrooms and cupboards. I planned and arranged a sleepover the rotation model for March 5th. The event turned out well according to the children. Thanks to the teachers who actually stayed with the children. Jamie Petrunak and Heather Smith started out the evening then Misty and John Plunkard came later and stayed overnight with the children. I believe there were eleven children that attended. I advertised and purchased items for the response to Haiti by making hygiene kits and delivered them to the district office. . To date we have made 58 kits and have more money to make a few more kits. I hope to complete the project by the middle of the month. Kits are still needed but we won't continue to collect them.

Children's Church

I continue to monitor children's church, supply curriculum and schedule teachers. Basically things are running smoothly except for a few glitches on occasion. I will be purchasing new curriculum this month. I am still recruiting new teachers for 8:00 service and at the 10:30 for the junior church. I met with the leaders/directors of the children's Christmas program. Together they decided to make a few changes which you will hear about in the future. Basically we had a good thinking meeting to provide the best for the children and parents.

Personal Activities

I continue to lead a Bible study.
Attended Pastor Spouse retreat at Camp Harmony
Annual conference is on going and I complete tasks when needed.
I am helping my husband at Conemaugh, as needed. He has been called as their Interim pastor. I will be attending Pleasant Hill's 8:00 service regularly so that I can worship with the Conemaugh congregation at 10:30.

Other: None

Approval of Reports: John Plunkard made a motion to approve all reports, seconded by Barry Natta. **Motion Carried**

New Business: There are three items of correspondence although they are all the same. They are ordination reviews for Pastor Phil, Amelia and Butch. Pastor Phil noted that every five years the denomination requires that all ordinations be reviewed. Ordained persons in the Church of the Brethren are required to have a certain number of continuing education credits during that five year time. Our district office keeps record of that. Also every five years every ordained pastor is required to take a class on Pastoral Ethics. Each ordained person in the

church needs an action by the church stating that they still support the persons ordination. Motion was made by Barry Natta to approve the ordination reviews, seconded by Barry Miller. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence: None

.Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.
Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk

The Executive Committee met with the following in attendance:

Ed Jones, Pastor Phil, Pastor Russ, Pete Smith, Chris Goldberg, Mike Rager, Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Heather Smith and Cindy Gossard

1st item discussed: Pastor Russ asked about the possibility of purchasing a van to be used for Youth activities. Discussion was held about information the Committee would need to determine if the purchase should be made. Pastor Russ was asked to gather pertinent information and have it available before the next board meeting.

2nd item discussed: There are two applicants for the Nursery Coordinators position. Monday, March 15th at 6:30 and 7:15 were the times chosen for the interviews. The date and times were tentative depending on the availability of the candidates.

There being no other business for the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned

