

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
Church Board Meeting **October 12, 2009**

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones

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

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Gloria Rager, Barry Miller (2010 Member – John MacEwan)

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal, Judy Rhodes, Laura Wade, Rick Kosakowski

Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager, 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 devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September's board meeting. Misty Plunkard made a motion to this effect, seconded by Gloria Rager, **Motion Carried.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee: One meeting was held to discuss the 2010 budget.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. Hanging of the Greens will be held November 29. The mitten tree will be up again this year the evening of the Children's Christmas Program; this benefits Cambria City Mission. Christmas Card Project folders will circulate through Sunday School classes again – monies will be divided evenly between Camp Harmony and New Day. These persons have volunteered to be on the Springs of Living Water team: Marsha Smith, Sandy Natta, Carol Harrison, Tracy Rhodes, and Pastor Phil.

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal reported that Pleasant Hill's day to participate in gift wrapping to benefit New Day will be Saturday, December 12, from 8 AM to 9 PM. A sign-up sheet will be passed around and left in the church vestibule. Gift of the Heart kits need to be in by Sunday. Again, if anyone should be added to the shut-in list for Christmas gifts, please let someone on Witness Commission know. These persons do not have to be "shut-ins", but can also be anyone who would appreciate a visit.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. The elevator was "fixed" last week, but is again not working properly. An agreement was signed with Eastern Elevator, so they will have to repair it again. Barry asked Pastor Russ if he was still planning on purchasing a laptop for the youth group's use. Russ is still gathering information, but does plan to make the purchase soon. The furnaces will be cleaned soon. A list will soon be posted in the church kitchen of the stewards and janitors and their phone numbers. This list will be of great use to those renting the hall. Vertical blinds are being purchased for the chapel, and perhaps some of the classrooms. The picnic grove will be fixed up. The stewards are looking at the church roof and deciding what sort of care will be needed in the near future.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported that Music Appreciation Sunday will be November 1. Sheetz gift cards will be given to members of the Praise Team, the Choir, the Bell Choir, and to those running sound and projection. The pulpit needs to be filled on Sundays November 22 and 29. Pastor Russ will take one of the dates, and he has ideas for the other. The guest praise team that performed during the 8:00 service a number of weeks ago was sent a Thank You card and gift. On Saturday, November 28, at 9:00 AM, Music and Worship Commission will meet at the church to decorate for Christmas season. Mike asked that a few of the stewards please come that morning to help put up the Nativity Scene. The Children's Program will be December 20 at 6:00 PM. On Christmas Eve, the candlelight services will be held at 6:00 and 8:00 PM. They are looking into purchasing two omni-directional microphones for the children to use for their program. These microphones will most likely be used in other aspects as well. Poinsettia information will soon be in the bulletins and newsletters. Advent devotionals will be purchased again and sold at cost to anyone interested. Advent readers will soon be contacted.

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

Deacon Report: Pete Smith gave us the count for Communion – 64 attended the afternoon service, and 98 were at the evening Love Feast. December 1 will be the Deacon’s Christmas party and meeting. Bread and Cup Communion will be held New Year’s Eve as usual. Seven Deacon couples will be up for renewal at January’s meeting.

Treasurers Report: Pete Smith gave everyone a copy of the report and the proposed 2010 budget. Pete let us know that the anticipated child care position must be decided on before passing the budget at October’s congregational business meeting. He will take the budget to the meeting with a line item included for this position, and he will have a back-up budget on hand in case the position is not passed. Ed Jones made a motion to approve the budget as modified. Mike Rager asked if the Christian Education Director’s salary should be increased. Ginny Babal suggested that the amount of money reserved for purchasing library materials be decreased by \$200; Dale Harrison asked that this \$200 be applied as an increase to the Christian Education Director’s salary. Gloria Rager asked if the organist and pianist’s salaries should then also be increased. Pete will reflect a change in their salaries as well in the proposed budget for October’s congregational meeting. Barry Natta made a motion to approve the budget with these changes, seconded by Gloria Rager, **Motion Carried.**

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

Brethren Benefit Trust: No report.

Vision Task Team: No report.

Pastor Phillip King – Report for September 2009:

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	8
Homes	9
Funeral Home	1
School/Work	3
Office	8

Total 29

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

8 AM Worship	4
Sunday School	4
10:30 Worship	4
Bible Study	2
Choir practice	2
Anointings	2

Funerals	1	Gerald Bush	9/2/09
Parent/Child Consecration	1	Alexis Paige Metzgar	9/6/09
		Michael Sean William McIntire	9/27/09

Activities:

Prep and email minutes to We Care Team 9/1, CD’s for shut-ins 9/1, bulk mail Sept Newsletter 9/9, Deacon meeting 9/1, prep-Springs of Living Water 9/2, pre-marriage classes 9/2, 9/4, Justine Dishong Shower 9/6, Coordinator meeting in Pittsburgh 9/12, pastor peer meeting 9/15, Class for All Seasons meeting 9/15, speak at Atrium Manor 9/17, Alethia Class meeting 9/18, Brethren Heritage Day 9/19, College Care Packages prep 9/19, Executive Committee 9/21, CD’s for shut-ins 9/22, CoB Ministers meeting 9/22, meeting with Ron Beachley 9/22, prep mileage report 9/23, emails to Campus ministers 9/23, host Springs of Living Water training event 9/26, walked CROP walk 9/27, preach at First Mennonite (afternoon) 9/27, mail Care Boxes to college students 9/28, New Day Fund raising dinner 9/28, Pre-license interview 9/29, speak at Emmanuel Breakfast 9/30, prep Deacon Shepherd list 9/30

Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for September 2009:

Hospital / Anointing – 2

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 14

In Office Visits – 10

Home Visits – 5

8:00 services – 4

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 4

10:30 services - 4

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) – 6

Youth CBYF Meetings – 2

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 1

Special Youth Events – 1 – Corn maze

Pastor's Meetings – 3- w/ other District Youth Pastors

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 attended 1 Youth Net Meeting and I held 1 organizational meeting for the 2010 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events.

I finished teaching on Spiritual Warfare on Wednesday night's small group meetings. We will be doing DVD series "Driven by Eternity" and "Under Cover". We will also be studying the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings we have begun watching a four part video series called "Choose". For Sunday School we are watching DVD's by Rob Bell on various Relational/ Biblical truths.

Our youth went to a corn maze on Oct 11.

We are also selling Sheetz MTO tickets and 2010 Calendars.

I went with my family on Sept. 17-20 to an out-of-town wedding of one of my youth from my previous church. I had a wonderful visit with Mildred Rager and hope to have her come to church and speak to our youth group in the near future. Picked up more new curriculums for Sunday School, CBYF and Wednesday Night Small Group. I attended the "Fountain of Youth" district training seminar at Camp Harmony on Sept. 26. I helped Camp Harmony run Windber High School leadership Training ropes course from Sept.29 – Oct. 1. I preached at UPJ Time Out on Oct. 8. Video taped and helped in Matthew and Justine's wedding on Oct.10. I took 33 youth to a corn maze with the help of some of my advisors. Some things our youth group is planning for are Oct. 18 at the family kitchen and roller skating and Amplified at camp.

Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for September 2009

Worship Services-5

Meetings-1

Office-5

Sunday school:

We will be finishing the unit "Building the Tabernacle" by Nov. 1 and then will begin "The Journey to Bethlehem". In the gathering time we talked about specific things that are involved in worship. We will continue this for the last few weeks along with learning our memory verse. We sent \$150.00 to Church World Service for 30 blankets. Our present service project is to provide needed items for the Women's Help Center.

A Campus Ministry team from UPJ will be providing a special time with the children on Nov. 8th, while the teachers meet.

Children's Church:

Next Sunday during Children's Church the children will begin practice for the Christmas program at the 10:30 service. The 8:00 Children's Church will continue in the same manner.

Personal Activities:

Continue working on plans for Annual Conference 2010.

Attended a Children's Ministry Conference in Hershey on Oct.2 and 3. An excellent conference.

Received a certification in Classroom Management through Children's Ministry Academy.

Writing article for Brethren Press Living Word Series.

Board Chairman: Ed asked that the Executive Committee stay after for a short meeting.

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

Set Agenda for Congregational Business Meeting: The 2010 board members will be voted on as a slate. The new budget will need to be approved; Mike Rager made a motion to approve Child Care Coordinator position coming as a recommendation from the board, seconded by Laura Wade, **Motion Carried.** District Conference reports will also be given at the congregational meeting. Pete Smith asked that Executive Committee and Board Chair reports be combined on the agendas at meetings as it seems redundant having board chair make two reports. Pastor Phil will make this change when typing the agendas.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jessie Rager, Church Clerk