

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren – Congregational Business Meeting – Monday, October 26, 2009

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 34 persons in attendance.

Linda Reininger, Church Moderator, called the meeting to order and began the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Minutes: Linda Reininger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July's Congregational Business Meeting as printed in the church newsletter. Ed Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Barry Natta, **Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda: Linda Reininger asked to have the agenda approved. Barry Natta made a motion that the agenda be approved, seconded by Mike Rager, **Motion Carried.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee: Ed Jones reported that the committee held one meeting to discuss the 2010 proposed budget. They are also looking into hiring a Child Care Coordinator. Ed read through the job description for the coordinator. The Executive Committee made a motion to accept the search for a paid coordinator, seconded by Tracy Rhodes. Pete Smith noted that this will be a one-year probationary position. **Motion Carried.**

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger gave the report. The Mitten Tree will be up again this year during the Children's Christmas Program; this benefits Cambria City Mission. The commission will be doing the Christmas Card Project again this year, with proceeds benefiting Camp Harmony and New Day. He thanked those who worked in the kitchen during the Springs of Living Water training. The event was a complete success with around 80 attending from the district. Those from the church that have volunteered for the team are Marsha Smith, Sandy Natta, Carol Harrison, Tracy Rhodes, and Pastor Phil.

Youth: In the past few months the youth have been very busy. In August we helped out at VBS. We had a car wash on the 15th. On the 30th there was a gathering at Yellow Creek and we welcomed in the new set of youth at the start of the school year. Starting in September on the 6th we went and had a blast at DelGrosso's park. We listened to great bands, rode rides, and enjoyed the water park. On October 11th we went to the corn maze, and 27 youth attended, and even though it was extremely muddy we all had a really good time. On October 17th 23 youth attended the pig roast at Camp Harmony, and later in the evening we attended Amplified which was a gathering at Camp Harmony where we all got to experience great music and worship. The following day we went to the St. Vincent De Paul Family Kitchen and volunteered to help out. We took 17 kids. Later that day we met up with some other youth members at Emmanuel Baptist church and joined Emmanuel's group, from there we all went to a roller skating rink, even though we fell a few times we still had a great day. We also participated in making a display for the youth group's activities for the Sunday School /Small Group fair. On Sunday evenings CBYF meetings we just finished watching a four part video series called "Choose"; it talks about the choices we make in life and how they will affect us, and the most important thing to do is make sure that our decision is God's decision. In our Sunday School class we have been watching Rob Bell lessons on video, and having discussions about them, and they all have great lessons to learn. On Wednesday nights we finished up a series called "Bait of Satan" from John Bevere. During this series we learned about spiritual warfare, how to set boundaries, and how dangerous taking offence can be. Coming up on Sundays we will bake cookies for the most part and also we'll start a video series on Friendship. In Sunday School we will continue watching the Rob Bell videos. And coming up on Wednesday night Bible studies we will be starting a lesson on hearing the voice of God, and reading the book of Romans. We want to thank you all for supporting the youth with all we do; it really means a lot.

Witness Commission: Ginny Babal gave the report. In August, Pleasant Hill held another can drive for the West End Food Pantry. Over 500 items were collected. The blood drive did not go well – only 23 units were collected out of the 35 unit goal. The commission is looking for ideas to better the drive for next year. In September and October the church collected Gift of the Heart Kits – 114 kits were made (87 school kits, 25 health kits, and 2 baby kits). Gift-wrapping to benefit New Day will be December 12 from 8AM to 9PM at the Galleria. Saturday's Kitchen is making hygiene bags to hand out Christmas day at the kitchen. Pleasant Hill is providing the shampoo for these kits. Shoebox kit information is available if anyone is interested – they are due November 16. Ginny also has bulletin inserts for this. The commission is working on ideas for shut-in Christmas gifts.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. The elevator has been checked twice, but still is not working properly. It will be fixed as soon as possible. He wondered about fixing the speaker in the nursery – it was suggested to not waste time and money, as the television is now hooked up so those in the nursery can see and hear the service. The stewards

will soon be fixing the light switch in the kitchen and a few things in the youth room and parsonage. They will soon have a meeting with Budget Blinds to check the cost of blinds for the chapel and the back of the church. Suburban Gas will be coming to check the furnaces. A service agreement was signed with Ehrlich for pest control. They will be coming monthly to check on the church – Barry hopes to give them a key. John Plunkard has created time sheets for the grove maintenance position, and a quarterly task list for the church custodians.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager gave the report. A thank you card and gift were sent to the guest praise team that performed at the 8:00 services a number of weeks ago. Barry Miller and Mike are trying to find omni-directional microphones for the children to use during their Christmas program. These will hopefully help to record the congregation singing during the 10:30 service for the CDs as well. Pastor Appreciation Sunday was yesterday – Pastor Phil and Pastor Russ were given gifts. Music Appreciation Sunday will be November 1. Sheetz gift cards will be given to members of the Praise Team, Choir, and Bell Choir, and to those running the sound and projector. November 22 Pastor Russ will preach, and on November 29 Dan Shaffer from Camp Harmony will bring a message. The evening of November 29 will be the Hanging of the Greens service. On November 28, Music and Worship Commission will decorate the church for Christmas. December 20 will be the Children’s Christmas program. Christmas Eve services will be held at 6:00 and 8:00 PM. Poinsettias will be \$12.50 again this year and will be advertised in the November newsletter. Advent devotionals have been ordered to be purchased by anyone interested at cost.

Approval of Reports: Tracy Rhodes made a motion to approve reports; Carol Harrison seconded, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Pete Smith reported that the next Deacon meeting will be held December 1 – this will also be their Christmas party. They are sending out invitations to the Emeritus Deacons as well. For Communion, 56 were served in the afternoon, and 94 attended Love Feast. 7 Deacon positions are up for renewal at January’s congregational meeting.

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

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

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

Vision Task Team: No report.

Pastor Phillip King – Report for 7/27/09 to 10/26/09:

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	28		
Homes	35		
Funeral Homes	4		
Jail	2		
Work/School	6		
Office	10	Total	85

Staff meetings	8	Sunday School	13
Committee meetings	12	10:30 Am Worship	13
Board Meetings	2	Evening Worship/Bible	6
Commission meetings	8	Promise Keepers	3
Business Meeting	1	Choir practice	5
8 AM Worship	13	Anointing	6

Wedding	1	Matthew Marye & Justine Dishong	10/10/09
Parent/Child Consecration	5	Asher Seth Kosakowski	8/30/09
		Alexis Paige Metzgar	9/6/09
		Michael Sean William McIntire	9/27/09
		Avery Grace Crynock	10/11/09
		Nathaniel Richard Denhard	10/18/09
Funerals	5	Beatrice Selders	7/31/09
		Bonnie Wallen	8/3/09
		Ross Hunter	8/19/09
		Gerald Bush	9/2/09
		Helped with Vaughn Perrine	10/8/09
		Baptisms	4

Communion 2
Home Communion 8

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter:

June Berg, Elsie Matula, Belva Rager, Mildred Blue, Aggie Mae Harrison, Mabel Rose, Gladys Kovach, Virginia Rummel, Norma McDowell,

Activities for this Quarter: Ordination interview at Meyersdale CoB 7/30, Core Leadership Team meeting 7/30, Taught 5 & 6 Sunday School 8/2, Rich Rhodes 70th party 8/2, devotional and social time at Pettekoffer House CoB Home 8/2, taught VBS (3 & 4) 8/3,4,5,6,7, District Finance Team 8/6, District Leadership Team 8/7, Mildred & Lew's 60th party 8/8, Bible School program 8/9, Summer Picnic 8/9, License interviews 8/15, pastor peer meeting 8/20. sign ordination forms 8/20, Cernic picnic 8/20, Ordination of James Berkebile 8/23, meet with Ron Beachley 8/25, CoB Ministers 8/25, advent committee 8/26, We Care Team 8/27, Blood Drive 8/29, Family Activity picnic at Yellow Creek 8/30, Belva's 92nd party 8/30, Prep and email minutes to We Care Team 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, sign ordination 9/15, 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, 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, Ferndale Homecoming Game 10/3/09, Baptism Service 10/4/09, Afternoon Communion 10/4, Love Feast 10/4, JOY Club trip 10/6, Marye/Dishong wedding 10/10, Open House for Fire Hall 10/11, West End Clergy 10/13, Camp Harmony pig roast 10/17, pastor peer meeting 10/20, Fire Hall Auxiliary meeting 10/20, pastor peer meeting 10/22, preach at Laurel View Village 10/25,

We are experiencing a baby-boom in our church and this is exciting. We absolutely must rise to the occasion and make sure that our infant-children-young family ministries are the very best they can be. We owe this to the Lord and to our young families with small children. Let us not fail in this endeavor. Springs of Living Water spiritual renewal is underway and needs your prayer and support and involvement. Make the small sacrifices and take the simple steps needed to deepen your spiritual life and raise the level of spirituality here at Pleasant Hill.

Judy's health and personal needs are occupying much of my attention and I am blessed by your prayers and help as we go through this time. Judy's recovery will be long and her health continues to be of deep concern to both of us. She will need my ongoing attention in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely in Christ, Phillip A. King, Pastor

Pastor Russell Peruso, Associate Pastor – Report for 10-26-09:

Hospital / Anointings – 5

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – too many to count

In Office Visits – 20

Home Visits – 8

8:00 services – 9

10:30 services - 10

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 10

Youth Bible Studies (Teaching) - 10

Youth CBYF Meetings – 8

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 2

Special Youth Events – 8 – 1 car wash, Yellow Creek State Park, DelGrosso's Park, Corn Maze, Pig Roast and Amplified at Camp, Soup Kitchen, Roller Skating

Pastor's Meetings – 6

Preached/Taught at – Conemaugh CoB, JCS Chapel, and UPJ Time Out

Since July 27, 2009, 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 held organizational meetings for the 2009 youth events, meetings, fundraisers, teachings, and special events. Met with and took some of my youth and young adults out for lunch just to hang out with them and encourage them.

I finished teaching on Spiritual Warfare on Wednesday nights' small group meetings. I will be teaching on hearing the voice of God and the book of Romans. At CBYF Sunday night meetings I will be talking about relationships and boundary setting between boys and girls. I used a video series called Choose from Blue Fish Ministries. 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. We sold Sheetz MTO tickets and 2010 calendars.

I preached at Conemaugh CoB on Sunday, August 2. I went for a short vacation with my family August 5-9. I preached at JCS's chapel on September 10. Picked up new curriculums for Sunday School, CBYF and Wednesday Night Small Group. I attended the Deacon meeting. I went with my family on September 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. I attended the “Fountain of Youth” district training seminar at Camp Harmony on September 26. I helped Camp Harmony run Windber High School leadership training ropes course from September 29-October 1. I helped in the Love Feast on October 4. I preached at UPJ Time Out on October 8. Video-taped and helped in Matthew and Justine’s wedding on October 10. October 11, I took 27 youth to a corn maze with the help of some of my advisors. October 17 I took 23 youth to the pig roast at Camp Harmony and we stayed for the youth event called “Amplified”. October 18, 18 of us served at the family kitchen and 25 of us went roller skating that evening in Latrobe. I attended District Conference in Latrobe October 24. Next is preaching while Phil is gone, cookie trays, Hanging of the Greens, and Christmas caroling.

Amelia Derr, Christian Education Director – Report for 10-26-09:

Worship Services-6 (took two Sundays off)

Meetings-5

Office-9

Sunday School: Our Sunday school classes are going well. The Preschool class uses curricula from Cook Publishing. The Rotation Model will be completing the unit “Building the Tabernacle” next Sunday. We will begin a new unit “Journey to Bethlehem” on Nov. 15th. On the 8th UPJ’s Campus Ministry team will be providing leadership for the children while the teachers gather for a meeting. I provide a gathering time, we learn the memory verses, and work on service projects. You will see our one activity on the covers of the bulletins for the Children’s Christmas Program and for the Christmas Eve services. We provided \$150.00 for 30 blankets through Church World Service. Our current project is helping the Women’s Help Center in Johnstown. We have already collected items and will be purchasing items that are needed. Our web site continues to serve as information for the children and parents. Please check out the Parent Link which is found on the church’s web site—it has great information for parents and grandparents.

Children’s Church:

Presently the 8:00 service is operating as normal, at the 10:30 service the primary and junior church are practicing for the program they will be presenting in December.

Personal Activities:

I continue to stay in contact with the licensed minister that I mentor.

Attended a meeting for Annual Conference in Pittsburgh

I was asked to write a devotional for the Brethren Press Living Word Bulletin Series.

Attended a Children’s Ministry Conference in Hershey on Oct. 2 and 3 and will be receiving CEU’s.

I received a certification in Classroom Management from Children’s Ministry Academy.

I attended District Conference.

Board Chairman: No report.

Approval of Reports: Debby Rager made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Jim Cameron, **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- **Approve budget for 2010:** Barry Natta moved to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Jeff Day, **Motion Carried.**
- **Approve slate for 2010 officers:** Linda Reininger brought our attention to the names on the slate. These need no motion or second, only affirmation. None were opposed. 2010 Board Members will be:
Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger (second term), Kurt Roberts
Stewards Commission: John MacEwan, Roger Swick
Witness Commission: Judy Rhodes (accepting second term), Jessie Rager, Patty Toth
Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager (second term), Jerry Rhodes (second term)
Living/Memorial Trust Fund: Donna Smith
Clerk/Assistant Clerk: Diana Mikolic/Kathy Ferenchik
Barry Natta asked if we could make copies of the church constitution for those accepting positions on the board. We will try to do so in the church office.
- **Reports from District Conference:** Ed Jones reported on conference. Three insight sessions were given – On Earth Peace, Annual Conference, and Ethics for Congregations. If anyone is willing to help with next year’s Annual Conference, they should see Butch or Amelia Derr. If anyone wants to see a booklet from District Conference, please contact the church office.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer.
Respectfully submitted, Jessie Rager, Church Clerk