

Consistory Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00PM

Opening Prayer – led by Rev. Jim Liddle

Members Present – Ken Matzdorf, Diane Rietbrock, Tina Nohl, Judy Zimmermann, and Chuck Grubisic.

Secretary Minutes – were reviewed by Ken.

Judy made a motion to approve the March minutes. Tina seconded it. The motion was approved.

Report of Receipts - Judy e-mailed her report.

Overview: Income is down, compared to last year a 9% decrease.

Discussion: Haiti relief funds given in the penny pail went to the United Church of Christ's One Great Hour of Sharing and the question was raised if we can designate those funds as earmarked for Haitian relief and not for the general fund. Tina will check into this and report back next month.

Tina made a motion to approve the receipts. Diane seconded. The motion was approved.

Report of Expenses – Tina e-mailed her report.

Overview: Major expenses were salary/pension, insurance, and taxes.

Discussion:

Ken made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Judy seconded. The motion was approved.

Memorial Fund Treasurer - Diane e-mailed her report.

Discussion: Major change was the loan to the building fund for Audio/Video system.

Judy made a motion to approve the Memorial Fund reports. Tina seconded. The motion was approved.

Building Fund Treasurer – Chuck reviewed his report. The pledges received to date for the capital fund drive were at 35%.

Ken made a motion to approve the Memorial Fund reports. Diane seconded. The motion was approved.

Correspondence – Chuck reviewed mail that was received to share with consistory.

1. Habitat request for funds - denied
2. Local UCC Summer volleyball meeting scheduled; need to let them know if Bethel will have a team this year.
3. Envelope order form for next year given to Judy.

Pastors Report –
Joined Bethel UCC church,

Welcomed two other new members into church,
 Visited three members in supported living homes or nursing homes,
 Visited three elderly members in their homes,
 Talked with one family regarding infant baptism,
 Sat in on Confirmation classes,
 Met with worship committee and planned Lenten services and Easter week services,
 Attended Kiel – New Holstein pastor’s group,
 Attended UCC Cluster meeting for pastors,
 Met with Northeastern Association re: ministerial standing and installation,
 Had two pre-marital counseling sessions with one couple,
 Had one counseling session with church member,
 Met with one 4th grader re: first communion at Bethel Church,
 Obtained Church Membership certificates,
 Obtained Baptism certificates,
 Attended and participated in community Good Friday service,
 Led Maundy Thursday and Easter sunrise service(s),
 Distributed Sunday School Easter baskets to six people,
 Attended Rural Church Fellowship meeting.
 4 additional confirmand candidates for next year
 Missionary speaker coming Wednesday April 28th (Mark Behly) at 7:00 P.M. here at church.
 Next Baptism is April 18th a deaf Mother would benefit with an interpreter. Ken made a motion to cover ½ the cost of an interpreter not to exceed \$100, Tina seconded. Motion approved.

Tina moved to approve Pastor Jim’s report and Diane seconded. Motion carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Old Items

1. Church Brochure Update- some new pictures needed with more resolution. Chuck to get a list of images needed to Ken and work with him to obtain them within the next few weeks.
2. Capital Campaign Update – Chuck reported that we are only at 35% of members pledging so far and he will work with Stewardship team to advertize the need for more participation
3. Sound system update – Ken & Chuck reported that installation of the new audio-video system is scheduled for next week and training should happen as well.
4. Committee for Bethel’s 150th Anniversary – Carol Roethel and Tina Nohl have volunteered for this committee. Consistory to try and recruit more members to this committee.
5. First Communion Classes – Pastor Jim reported that 1 new person has qualified for communion at Bethel.

New Items

1. **Team review discussion:**
Evangelism team - need to keep current members active and children coming back to Bethel after college, as well as encourage potential new members to give Bethel a try. (Idea was brought up to keep track of when a house sells in any members neighborhood (10 closest houses) - and be one of the first to contact them); also continue invite a

neighbor and/or friend Sundays [action item to follow up on this and get a new team going]

Christian Education Team - needs support to get more teachers for Sunday school, coordinate with Mardell on needs – [We should have a minimum of 2 classes depending on the number of kids – preschool-first grade and 2nd through 6th]

Youth Fellowship Team – need new coordinators and/or volleyball coach if enough kids are available to play this year. Jim R. to contact and try to recruit two candidates as Youth Coordinators or volleyball team leaders for this year:

Greeting and Welcoming Team – need to decide if this is still a goal of the congregation and if yes, who should be in charge. [Action item to follow up on this]

Stewardship Team - Need to keep people informed of progress or lack thereof of responses to the Capital Fund Campaign by announcement and messenger articles and a visual display to show members how we are doing in reaching our goal. Chuck suggested that the tech team put on a show after new audio-video system is tested and people are trained.

2. UCC Annual Meeting – 4/17 – Betty and Jim Liddle plan on attending.
3. Introducing new members to the congregation (article in the messenger/announcements with work, hobbies, family info, etc.) Pastor Jim to discuss with new members how much and what type of info they are willing to share.
4. Pastor Jim is waiting for a transfer from Pittsburg UCC Assoc. to the Wis. UCC Assoc.; this is needed before an installation service can be planned.
5. SCIO gift basket for Spring Luncheon – Judy moved to donate a gift basket with SCRIP cards. Ken seconded, motion carried.

Tabled Items - [see action items from Team Review discussion]

Ken made a motion to adjourn and Tina seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Special Agenda Meeting – **Sunday, April 25, 2010** – Jim R. called a special meeting at 11:00a.m. to discuss dental insurance for Betty Liddle. Members present were Ken, Judy, Chuck, Diane and Jim R.

Chuck made a motion to add Betty to the insurance package with family dental coverage at an extra charge of \$400. Ken seconded the motion and it carried.

Chuck then discussed the added benefits of a new communications package that would increase our long distance phone coverage to unlimited minutes and increase our computer connection speed for a small increase in cost.

Jim R. made a motion to approve the new package and Judy seconded the motion and it carried.

Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday, May 4, 2010
