

**St. Paul UCC Church Council Meeting**  
**April 11, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Thieman with 12 members present including: Tom Thieman, John Voress, Lisa Davidson, Lowell Quellhorst, Roland Dicke, Ralph Plattner, Kathy Topp, Mark Dicke, Betty Dietrich, Virginia Kuenning, Don Scheer, and Rev. Weir. Meditation was provided by Lisa Davidson.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Kathy Topp moved to accept the minutes as written. Ralph Plattner seconded; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Fund Activity Report for March was available for review. Tom Braun noted that the year-to-date deficit is now \$12151.71; last year at this time the deficit was only \$2014. Fortunately the heating bill, which is the largest expense at this time of year, will be reduced as the weather warms up. Tom Braun also noted that the Organ Fund and the Beacon Fund also carry negative balances and are in need of donations. Tom Braun will put a note in the Sunday bulletin to notify the congregation of the situation. Tom Thieman and Bev Plattner, Stewardship Committee chair, discussed distributing the remaining offering envelopes and possibly sending a letter to the congregation. Roland Dicke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Virginia Kuenning seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**"Catch the Vision"** – The committee is working at setting a meeting date.

**Membership Committee** – Messenger Press was notified that they were chosen to print our new brochures, as there was no company offering to do the job gratis. The brochure is almost ready to go to print as soon as all the necessary photos are ready.

Four hundred invitations have been sent out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Confirmation Reunion will be held on Sunday, May 7, and responses are coming in.

**Mission Report** – Plans are being made for the summer trip to El Salvador. A Tour of Homes is set for April 30 as a fund raiser.

**Worship Report** – No report.

**Reports**

**Board of Christian Education** – No report.

**Deacon Report** – The only news to report is that the buzzing sound, which had been fixed, was a possibility again because the antenna had been accidentally bumped. Ralph Plattner and Lowell Quellhorst secured it very high so that it won't get bumped again.

**Director of Youth Ministries** – John Voress reported that the committee met March 26 and Lori Winner was present to answer questions. The Youth have many upcoming activities including performing a puppet show for the Spring Fellowship Dinner, Easter Breakfast, PYO game, and planning a trip to Camp Washington again. The JYF's program ended for the school year on March 30. A wish list is being developed for the youth program, including possibly their own refrigerator.

**Elder's Report** – No report.

**Rev. Tostrick's Report** – No report, however, the special dinner for home-bound members that was planned by Rev. Tostrick, Rev. Weir, Sandy Thieman, and Lori Likens was an enjoyable success.

**Rev. Weir's Report** – St. Paul will be hosting New Bremen High School's Baccalaureate on May 28 with Rev. Weir providing the sermon.

Terri Goodwin will graduate from the Lay School of Religion on May 20. Rev. Weir spoke with Shelly Zeller about the possibility of the capsule providing a graduation dinner.

Adam Leshar is the soldier in Iraq that the Men's Group is sponsoring, and Rev. Weir requested names of any other soldiers in danger zones that should be remembered in our prayers.

**Trustee Report** – Lowell Quellhorst reported that additional information had been gathered regarding how comparable the quotes are for the Smoke/Fire Alarm System. An additional \$1000 - \$2000 will need to be added to Dale Heitkamp's quote for permits and required architect drawings. SecurCom reported that their higher bid included so many additional flange bases to include changing them every 10 years. Lowell will check into what the requirements are with the fire chief and insurance company. Tom Braun will try to find out when the other system was purchased.

A new lawn mower and mower deck has been acquired. A new lease contract will soon be provided by the hardware store, which is to be kept in the church office with other contracts. This way the terms of the lease will be easily accessible for review.

Rev. Weir pointed out several jobs he has seen the trustees doing around the church, and commended them on their service.

### **Old Business**

**General Synod Education** – Tom Thieman thanked Rev. Weir on providing good meetings for the General Synod Education; there was both good attendance and good discussion. Another meeting may be planned for additional open discussion.

**Director of Youth Ministries** – There is a person who is interested in the position. Hopefully by the time the next program year starts, we will have another person to share the job.

**Website Update** – John Voress reported that at the meeting with Jack Gilberg a committee was formed to determine the purpose of the website, whether for church member use, for promotion, etc. The committee is chaired by Beverly Plattner and includes John Koeper, Kathy Topp, John Voress, and Shelly Zeller.

The website is currently provided free through bright.net. However for St. Paul to have its own web address instead of being accessed through bright.net, there would be charges. The charges would be the same whether through bright.net or through NKTelco. Internet access is currently provided by NKTelco. After a discussion, Virginia Kuenning made a motion to go through NKTelco for the website. Don Scheer seconded and the motion carried. It would cost 12.95/month plus the additional charges of registering for the domain name and the yearly contract fee.

### **New Business**

**Ann Kuhn's Contract** – A new contract was presented for Serendipity Nursery School. After a discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Topp to extend the contract for 2006-2007 with a 3% increase for rental and storage fees. Betty Dietrich seconded and the motion was approved.

**Agape Trustee** – Doris Blanke has volunteered to fill the available trustee position from St. Paul for Agape. Roland Dicke made a motion to accept; Don Scheer seconded, and the motion carried.

**Establish Capital Improvement Fund** – A discussion occurred regarding the Capital Improvement Fund, which is for the purpose of accumulating funds to have in place when very expensive projects are undertaken. Because the Building Fund is for current projects, Tom Braun made a suggestion that the Capital Improvement Funds be put in the Memorial Fund.

## **Announcements**

Easter Breakfast 8 a.m. Sunday

April 29 NWO Association Meeting in Wapakoneta still needs delegates.

May 7 Confirmation Reunion

May 20 Terri Goodwin's Graduation

May 21 Senior High Breakfast

With no other business to discuss, Ralph Plattner made a motion to adjourn. Mark Dicke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Lisa Davidson, Secretary

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Tom Thieman, President