

**St. Paul UCC Church Council Meeting
October 10, 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, Norm Holcomb, Don Scheer, and Rev. Weir. Meditation was provided by Mark Dicke.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Norm Holcomb made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Roland Dicke seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Fund Activity Report for September was available for review. The year-to-date deficit is now \$14,556.90. Expenses are below budget for the year. Ralph Plattner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Don Scheer seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

"Catch the Vision" – The team has been put together, and a meeting is scheduled for October 12.

Membership Committee – No report other than noting that the new member reception is being rescheduled for a more convenient time.

Mission Report – No report.

Worship Report – No report, although it was noted that planning for Christmas will begin soon.

Reports

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Deacon Report – Nothing to report.

Elder's Report – No report.

Rev. Tostrick's Report – (Provided by Rev. Tostrick)

The month of September was filled with numerous pastoral needs and concerns. Some of them requiring trips to Ft. Wayne and Dayton. During September I

made 18 hospital visits, 15 nursing home visits, 17 home visits and 2 office visits. I also conducted 2 Saturday evening worship services, 2 Sunday morning worship services, 1 wedding, 2 funerals, and planned and helped to lead 1 worship service at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Rev. Weir's Report – In participation with Rev. Wills at St. Peters, there will be a collection of Coats for Kids through October 24.

The early Sunday worship during Spirit Safari is going well and is worthwhile with a typical attendance of 6 – 11 people.

There has been mostly positive feedback on the new Beacon. Rev. Weir, Dot and John Koeper will meet again soon to review the feedback and make necessary adjustments to the format.

Trustee Report – Lowell Quellhorst reported that the holes in the parking lot have been patched and thanked Ralph Plattner and Larry Kuhn.

The installation of the Smoke/Heat System is about half complete. Dale Heitkamp predicts that it will be finished by the second week in November.

There was a discussion of how the speakers are hooked up so the deacons would know how they can be adjusted. It appears that the balcony and choir speakers can be rewired on separate switches. Tom Thieman requested the trustees work on that if it is feasible.

In the auditorium, the center outlet has been repaired and the bulbs in the exit lights have been replaced. Tom Thieman requested that the trustees look into how to keep the auditorium exit lights on at all times, like they are in the hallways.

Tom Thieman expressed thanks to the trustees for painting the lines in the parking lot as well as all the other duties they perform. Tom also thanked Kathy Topp and the Garden Club for beautifying the church grounds all summer. Tom then thanked Norm Holcomb for making the displays for pamphlets at the door; they look great and are very useful.

Old Business

Website Update – Tom Braun and John Koeper had met with a tech rep from NKTelco about switching over telephone service. They did switch over the long distance which is estimated to save at least \$40 a month. However, NKTelco determined they would not be able to do the local telephones.

Update on Visual Technology – Rev. Weir has spoken with Lori Winner and no meeting has taken place yet. Lori should schedule one soon and Don Scheer, Staci Jones, and Terri Goodwin are on the committee.

Approve the 2007 Budget – There were no more changes to make to the budget, so Tom Braun will print a final copy to be reviewed for approval by council at the next meeting so it can be brought to the congregation in December. Tom Braun will get a copy to Tom Thieman to present to the Stewardship committee.

Nominating Committee Report – Kathy Topp reported that she has compiled a list of names to call people to fill the 5 deacon positions, the trustee position and the elder position. She has begun calling people and will report her progress.

St. Paul UCC Child Sexual Safety Policy – The Child Safety Training program will occur on October 17. Rev. Weir strongly encourages anyone active in the church to participate. Our current policy states anyone needing this training should go at least once every three years.

New Business

Request for Flooring in the Youth Room – A request was submitted from the Youth Ministries Staff for a new arrangement in the Youth Room including new flooring, a counter area and cabinet for snacks, a storage or cabinet system, a new computer desk, and a vending machine. The trustees have checked into the new arrangement that was requested and think the electrical requirements are already in place to accommodate the move. Council determined that the Youth Ministries Staff should obtain two quotes for flooring, and that maybe the entire floor should be vinyl with a large area rug instead of part vinyl with part wall-to-wall carpeting. The Flooring Fund would be used for this expense. The trustees will find out more specifically what cabinet and storage needs are requested, and possibly put a notice in the Beacon to see if a secondhand cabinet might be available. They will also find out what type of computer desk is requested. At present, council was not in favor of replacing the mini-refrigerator with a vending machine.

The Youth would also like to have a bonfire October 21 in the volleyball area. The bonfire would have to be a reasonable size, right in the center of the volleyball sand area, and the youth would need to clean up completely when done. Tom Thieman will speak with Lori Winner about this and the possible need to notify the police department.

Auglaize Valley Region Leadership Empowerment Day – A survey was available to suggest workshop topics of interest.

Mailing Offering Envelopes – A church member has offered to pay the postage to mail out the 2007 offering envelopes so they would be delivered before Stewardship Sunday. Council accepted with gratitude.

Giving Thanks Dinner – The Giving Thanks Thanksgiving Dinner is in its seventh year as a non-profit organization providing free Thanksgiving Dinners at the St. Marys Wayne Street United Methodist Church. They requested a donation of no more than \$75. Lowell Quellhorst made a motion to donate \$75; Kathy Topp seconded his motion. Council approved the motion.

Announcements

Men's Club Oct. 16th – The speaker will be the grandson of the engineer who worked with the Wright Brothers.

St. Paul Child Safety Training Oct. 17th

Wing Ding Nov. 11th

Singing Soldiers November 12th – The luncheon that will follow this worship service still needs to be planned. Kathy Topp, Sandy Thieman, and Beverly Plattner will begin planning.

Stewardship Sunday Nov. 19th

Christmas Council and Staff Dinner Dec. 5th

Congregational Meeting for Budget Approval and Election of New Officers Dec. 10th

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

Lisa Davidson, Secretary

Tom Thieman, President