

St. Paul UCC Church Council Meeting
March 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Thieman with 16 members present including: Tom Thieman, John Voress, Lisa Davidson (at 8:30), Joyce Holdren, Janice Schroer, Greg Maurer, Roland Dicke, Ralph Plattner, Robert Rump, Betty Dietrich, Norm Holcomb, Virginia Kuenning, Keith Dicke, Shirley Henegar, Kurt Stuhlemmer, and Rev. Rick Weir.

(Provided by John Voress, serving as recording secretary)

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Ralph Plattner made a motion to accept them as written. Roland Dicke seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Fund Activity Report for February was available for review. Joyce Holdren made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Robert Rump seconded. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

"Catch the Vision" –Patty Cisco gave a presentation to update the council about the "Catch the Vision" progress.

Membership Committee – Tom Braun and John Gilberg have been working on the Confirmation Reunion.

Mission Report – The Mission Team continues to work on the Project of the Year for Nu Vision. The youth are planning a trip to Nu Vision, and Will Stuart will be coming to St. Paul to preach. The mission team is also working on the prom dresses project and collecting items for Louisiana.

Worship Report – There was a discussion about the use of both the red and black hymnals in the pews, but no policy set.

(Recording Secretary duties resumed by Lisa Davidson)

Reports

Board of Christian Education – No meeting due to illness.

Deacon Report – Betty Dietrich reported that the deacons are making sure that the cards that are at the three Sanctuary entrances are being taken to Saturday services as well.

The Mission team has asked the deacons to distribute one envelope to each family when giving the bulletins.

Elder's Report – No report.

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

During the month of February we experienced a significantly long cold winter spell. One of the results of that has been a marked increase in the amount of depression people have experiences. Hopefully, with the longer days and the warmer temperatures, we will all feel better.

I made 24 hospital visits, 9 nursing home visits, 11 home visits, and 6 office conferences, this past month. I lead one Saturday evening worship service, and prepared and preached at one Sunday morning worship service. I also officiated at one funeral service.

Rev. Weir's Report – Rev. Weir is looking for readers for the Good Friday service. Lent is a very busy season, with extra services, bible study, working with the confirmands, the mission team, the NWOA, etc.

Rev. Weir then gave an overview of all the other events, teams, meetings, and duties that he is consistently busy with, such as re-drafting the wedding handbook, worship services, newsletter writing and editing, meeting with John Tostrick, Terri Goodwin, Dot Koeper, and Jack Hansbrough...

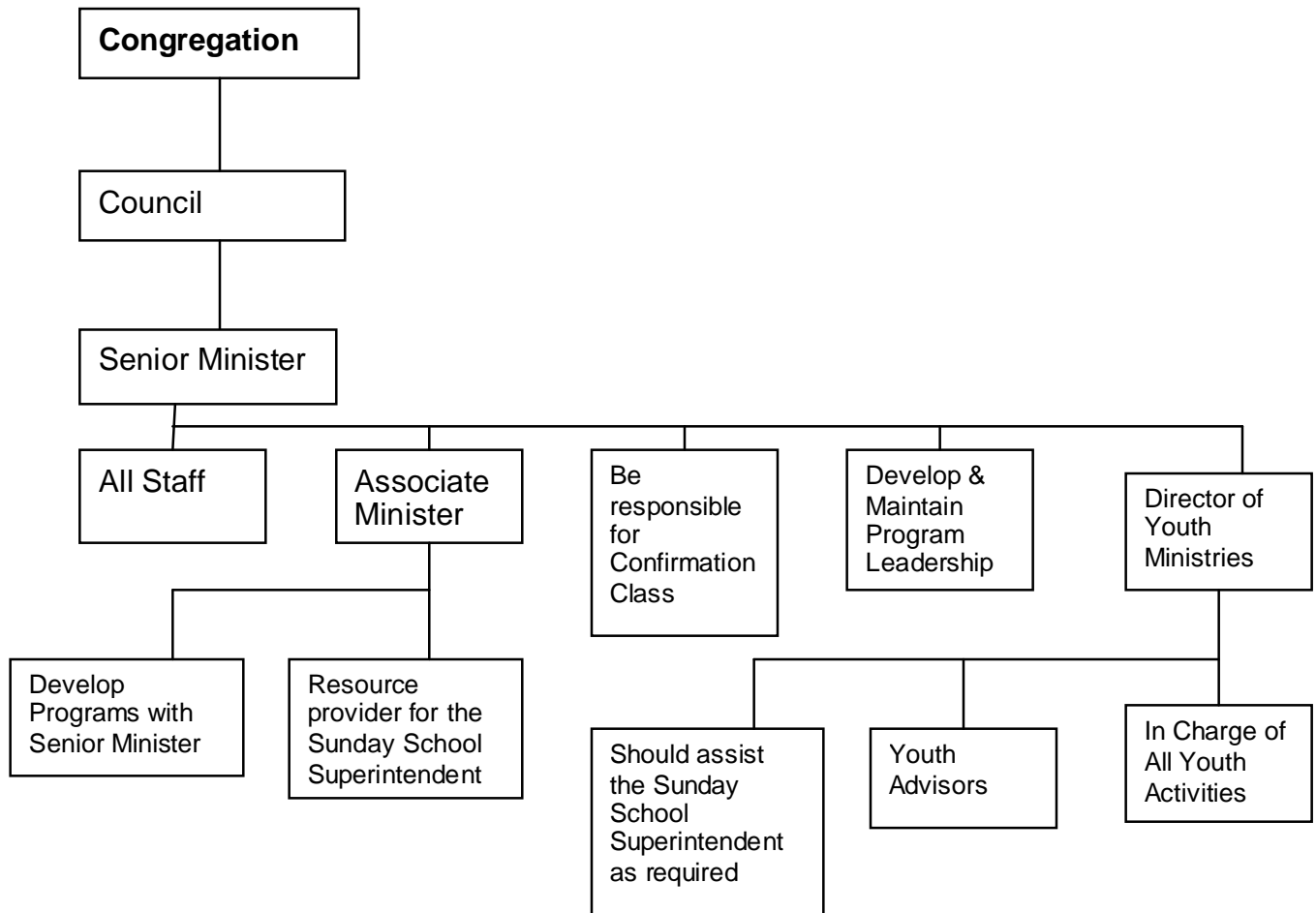
Trustee Report – Roland Dicke reported that the trustees are looking into increasing the hot water supply in the kitchen. This summer they will be checking the doors on the storage shed for repair or replacement. The trustees are also checking into the problem with the sidewalks so they will be leveled out to avoid trips and falls. Tom Thieman also suggested that they check on the baseboards in the Education Building, as they may need to be re-glued.

Old Business

Update on Visual Technology – Rev. Weir reported that a meeting has been scheduled for later this month.

Youth Focus Groups – They have had several meetings and are meeting again on March 22. They have visited Spencerville, and continue to gather good ideas to bring back to Terri Goodwin and the Youth Committee.

Organizational Chart for Director of Youth Ministries (Options) – Tom Thieman and John Voress are meeting with the group to develop the job description for the youth leader. An Organizational Chart was proposed as follows:



After much discussion among council, Norm Holcomb made a motion to accept the organizational chart as it is for the purpose of developing a job description. Janice Schroer seconded. Motion carried. Please note this is NOT an all inclusive organizational chart. This is only a starting point.

New Business

Team to Develop Job Description for Director of Youth Ministries – Using the organizational chart, the team will work on developing the job description. Tom Thieman noted that the enthusiasm created in looking for and supporting the new position makes a strong statement that our church is alive and committed to growth.

Sharon Fiely Donated Painting – Sharon Fiely has painted a beautiful painting and donated it to St. Paul UCC. She has also painted a similar one to be presented to Rev. Gomez at the Church of the Resurrection in El Salvador as a tribute to the tremendous work that they do. Sharon was inspired by her time there last summer and the paintings represent the hope for peace and justice. Prints of the picture will sell for \$30 with the proceeds going to the Church of the

Resurrection. Virginia Kuenning made a motion to accept the painting with great appreciation and thanks to Sharon Fiely. Roland Dicke seconded; motion carried. The dedication to the painting is scheduled for worship service on Mar. 18, 2007.

Announcements

Mar. 19 – Men’s Group (Go Bucks) 7:00 pm

Mar. 25 – Nu Vision Will Stuart

Mar. 28 – Confirmands honored

Apr. 1 – Palm Sunday

Apr. 8 – Easter Sunday

With no other business to discuss, Norm Holcomb made a motion to adjourn. Roland Dicke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer and with Rev. Weir offering a prayer for Mervin Quellhorst following major heart surgery earlier that day.

Lisa Davidson, Secretary

Tom Thieman, President