

**St. Paul UCC Church Council Meeting  
June 12, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Thieman with 16 members present including: Tom Thieman, John Voress, Lisa Davidson, Joyce Holdren, Janice Schroer, Greg Maurer, Roland Dicke, Ralph Plattner, Betty Dietrich, Norm Holcomb, Virginia Kuenning, Don Scheer, Cheryl Barlage, Keith Dicke, Shirley Henegar, and Rev. Rick Weir. Meditation was provided by Janice Schroer.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Don Scheer made a motion to accept them as written. Norm Holcomb seconded; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Fund Activity Report for May was available for review. Total income for May was low at \$11,733.00 which is about \$2000 less than May, 2006. However, the Income Year-to-Date is still ahead of last year at \$88,866.75 compared to \$85,120 a year ago. Expenses for the month were \$19,086.01 which left a deficit for the month of \$7,352.99. The deficit Year-to-Date is \$7,718.52, which is about half of what the deficit was last year at this time. Tom Braun commented that there are more kids going to camp this year, which has increased that expense. Betty Dietrich made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Ralph Plattner seconded. The motion was approved.

Tom Braun also mentioned a change in tax laws regarding charitable donations from those over the age of 70 ½ contributing directly from an IRA to a church. Tom will put a general statement in the Beacon recommending anyone in those circumstances to be sure to consult with a tax professional for more specific advice.

**Committee Reports**

**"Catch the Vision"** – The team has met, but each group wanted additional time to work on their projects and a meeting has been set for August to come back together. Council was reminded that Bev Plattner needs the job descriptions by July. The Spark group is still looking for anyone willing to play guitar, drums, or sing.

**Membership Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Mission Report** – Rev. Weir reported that the Mission Team met and are still focused on how to best distribute funds to Nu Vision.

**Worship Report** – Nothing to report at this time.

## **Reports**

**Board of Christian Education** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Deacon Report** – Don Scheer reported that there had been a request to ring the church bells louder and longer now that the doors are open to hear them; the deacons have been doing this ever since. Options were discussed regarding the sound system recording the Sunday services. Currently the best and least expensive option appears to be to put an additional speaker near the camera so that the built-in microphone can record the audio. Tom Thieman requested that the trustees assist in securing the speaker.

**Elder's Report** – No report, other than Janice Schroer thanking the deacons for all their help cleaning up after communion services.

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

*The month of May is a transition month. School comes to a close for another year resulting in graduations, vacations, camps, and a variety of activities with family and friends. During May, I made 20 hospital visits, 14 nursing home visits, 13 home visits, and held 4 office conferences. I also lead worship on 1 Saturday evening and 1 Sunday morning. I prepared and help to lead 1 worship service at Heritage Manor Nursing Home, officiated at 1 baptism and 1 wedding, and participated in the New Bremen High School Baccalaureate Service.*

**Rev. Weir's Report** – Rev. Weir reported that the floor in the Youth Room has been installed by David Goodwin, Mike Friemering, and David Hamilton. Many thanks to them for such a great job.

June 18 – 22, Rev. Weir will be driving to Oklahoma for his son's graduation from Basic Training. June 25 – 28, he has an educational event in Ontario.

**Trustee Report** – Roland Dicke reported that the trustees have completed many projects such as installing the garage door and repairing the sidewalks and outdoor lights. They may need to remove some trees that the garden club has requested. Roland Dicke has made phone calls regarding waterproofing the bricks, and is planning to follow-up.

## **Old Business**

**Update on Visual Technology** – Don Scheer reported that the meeting hasn't been set yet, but that he would like to invite the groups who will be the users or potential users of the technology so that they can get an idea of what it will be capable of.

**Youth Focus Group** – No meeting has occurred.

**Update on Director of Youth Ministries** – The church has received five applications. A team has been formed to review the applications and will be meeting soon.

**TSC Billing** – We are still receiving bills; Tom Braun will contact them to finalize everything to get the billing to stop.

**Job Descriptions for Council Positions Due in July** – Anyone who still needs to turn in a job description to Bev Plattner should do so as soon as possible.

### **New Business**

**Hosting Youth Group** – St. Paul's will be the site of a youth group's stop for the night as they travel from Michigan to Dayton for a mission trip. Terri Goodwin is arranging all meals and hospitality, so anyone wishing to help should contact her.

### **Announcements**

**June 22 – 26** – View General Synod live on the UCC website for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**July 29** – Honoring Rev. Tostrick's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Ministry with a reception to follow the Sunday Service.

With no other business to discuss, Betty Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Barlage 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