

**St. Paul UCC Church Council Meeting
November 13, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Voress with 16 members present including: John Voress, Roland Dicke, Joyce Holdren, Greg Maurer, Betty Dietrich, Don Scheer, Cheryl Barlage, Shirley Henegar, Virginia Kuenning, Brice Schmitmeyer, Robert Rump, Amy Stuhlemmer, Keith Dicke, Tom Braun, Carrie Cutlip and Rev. Matthews. Meditation was provided by Joyce Holdren.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were made. Roland Dicke made a motion to accept the minutes. Keith Dicke seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Fund Activity Report for September was available for review. Tom Braun was present to review it for the council. The contributions for October were \$17,030.75. Expenses for the month were \$18,988.87, which resulted in a deficit for the month of \$1,958.12. The Year-to-Date deficit is \$16,759.59. Don Scheer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Betty Dietrich seconded the motion, and council approved.

Wing Ding Report

John Voress reported that the "Wing Ding" silent auction raised approximately \$5,400. \$1,800 will go to Nu-Vizion, \$1,800 will go to Agape, and \$1,800 will go to the youth group. The youth group also raised \$600 due to the generous tips of the attendees of the "Wing Ding". John Voress also reported that the cost of the tickets covered the food costs and the remaining was used to buy some cooking equipment that can now be used by the entire church.

Committee Reports

Catch the Vision

No meeting has occurred as the team is waiting to see what will be needed as the church goes through transition.

Membership Committee

No meeting has occurred.

Mission Report

Amy Stuhlemmer reported that she had received a letter from the "Giving Thanks" group, which puts on a free Thanksgiving dinner in St. Marys, asking for a \$50 donation to cover expenses. This was the amount that St. Paul's donated last year. Roland

Dicke made a motion to donate \$50 again this year. Don Scheer seconded the motion, and council approved.

Rev. Matthews reported that St. Paul's had received the "Silver Covenant Keeper" award from the United Church of Christ for "Our Church's Wider Mission".

Worship Report

No meeting has occurred.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education

Greg Maurer reported that a Sunday School Teachers Dinner was held this past month. Greg Maurer also reported that he has informed all the members of the Board of Christian Education that the board is responsible for the upkeep of the service plaques in the hallway outside the church office.

Deacon Report

Don Scheer reported that the sound for the videotaping had been upgraded and that he would get hold of Ralph Plattner to work on repairing the pulpit microphone.

Brice Schmitmeyer indicated that he would handle the Deacon duties for the Children's Christmas Service which is held on Christmas Eve.

Elder's Report

No Elder's Report.

Trustee Report

Roland Dicke reported that he is still awaiting a call back from a contractor regarding waterproofing the bricks. He also reported that two trees have been taken down and the stumps would be removed soon.

John Voress suggested that the Trustees begin to think of a project for next year to be the "Project of the Year".

Rev. Matthews' Report

Rev. Matthews reported that she had been very busy getting acquainted more with St. Paul's in the past month and provided the below summary for the month:

St. Paul

Four funerals; baptism consultation (baptism December 9); 4 home visits; visited 8 people at 3 nursing homes; met with Lamplighters twice; met with Mission Committee twice; met at Coffee House for Teacher Appreciation Dinner; met with Theresa Hemmelgarn regarding church school and ideas for Dec. 16 Christmas program; weekly meeting with moderator and vice moderator; Men's Group; Wing Ding dinner; confirmation has met weekly (we now have mentors for each youth); 9 church services; and 2 Beacon articles.

Community:

Met with Father Tom from Holy Redeemer to start plans for Thanksgiving Eve service.

Attended CCL meeting as a guest.

Larger Church Involvement

Northwest Ohio Association meeting with Committee on Ministry:

Auglaize Ministerial Meeting

Kinderfest here on Saturday Nov. 3

Attended SARA annual meeting in Columbus (October 28)

Youth Group Report

Carrie Cutlip reported on the activities of the Youth Group in the past month. Below are listed some of the highlights:

JYFS have been meeting weekly on Wednesdays and have also had a service day, a movie day and a field trip to a corn maze.

Assisting Rev. Matthews with confirmation on a weekly basis.

Jr. High Youth Group meets every Wednesday and the group is growing.

Sr. High Youth Group Meets every Sunday night and has a good group of youth.

Recent youth activities have included Crop Walk, corn maze trip, assisting with the Wing Ding and a combined youth group meeting with Kettlersville UCC.

Upcoming youth activities include youth event at Pilgrim Hills, Jr. High overnight, Christmas parties, a service trip project, and possibly a concert.

Carrie, Michelle Suchland, and Shelby O'Neill are attending a Youth Specialties convention in Atlanta this coming weekend. Many exciting ideas are hoped to be discovered for the youth program.

Old Business

Update on Visual Technology

This issue will remain tabled for now.

Nominations for 2008 Council

There are some possible nominations; however, five deacons and a vice president are still needed.

Update on Parsonage Cleaning

The parsonage upgrades are complete.

Senior Pastor Search Committee

Seven out of nine spots have been filled for the search committee. It is hoped that the committee will be put together by the first week of December and work can begin for the process of finding and selecting a new Senior Pastor.

Credit Cards

The church now has a credit card account that can be used by designated members of the staff.

New Business

Project of the Year 2008

John Voress indicated that the Trustees should come up with a maintenance project for next year. Ideas should be presented at the next council meeting.

Guest Registry Books

There will be Guest Registry books located at the entrances to the Church. The deacons and greeters should encourage all visitors to sign. There will also be a notice in the bulletin regarding this matter.

Announcements

Dec. 4

Staff and Council Christmas Party

Dec. 8

Search for Christmas Treasure

Dec. 9

Congregational Meeting to present Budget and new Council members

Thanks to all of you who helped out with a very successful Wing Ding. A good time was had by all attendees and workers.

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

Brice Schmitmeyer, Acting Secretary

Tom Thieman, President