

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 14 members present including: John Voress, Jeff Paul, Cindy Newman, Joyce Holdren, Kathy Topp, Norm Holcomb, Cheryl Barlage, Shirley Henegar, Brice Schmitmeyer, Dennis Dicke, Ann Nelson, Tom Braun, Rev. Matthews, and Carrie Cutlip. Meditation was provided by Brice Schmitmeyer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the April meeting were discussed. Norm Holcomb made a motion to accept the minutes. Cheryl Barlage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Fund Activity Report for the month ending April, 2008 was available for review. Tom Braun reported we have a surplus for the year of \$4,007.40. Brice Schmitmeyer made a motion to accept the report and Dennis Dicke seconded the motion. A discussion was held and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee: There was a good turn out for the Confirmation Reunion on May 4. The youth served the luncheon. Good stories were heard and reminiscing was great! Everyone seemed to have a good time and is looking forward to next year.

Mission Committee: The committee met on May 12. Several people went to Bellevue, OH to help clean up a house after flooding. Mission offerings were discussed for the upcoming months. They are working on the chicken dinner arrangements for the 175th anniversary celebration.

Pulpit Committee: Rev. Matthews, John Voress, Jeff Paul, and Tom Thieman met on May 12, 2008 and looked over the church profile that has been written by the committee. They made several changes and the committee will rewrite the profile. The pulpit committee will meet on May 21st with Dan Bush and present this profile to him.

Deacons Report: Three video tapes are now being made for use by assisted care residents and shut-ins. The handicap lift got a good workout the day of the confirmation reunion. Everything worked well.

Trustees Report: Homan and Stucke won't start the sidewalk project until after June 29, 2008 because of the 175th celebration.

Garmann/Miller Architects wrote a proposal for changing out the utility box in the educational building and other boxes that are old. The proposal includes replacing the 400 amp main breaker box with a 1200 amp box, air-conditioning compatible, 240 single phase, at an estimated budget of \$101,000. Additional costs would include Garmann/Miller's estimated fee of 10% of the construction costs plus \$300 in state permit fees. Total estimated project cost -- \$115,000.

A discussion was held. Cheryl Barlage made a motion to enter into contract with Garmann/Miller Architects to prepare documents for the electrical and

panel replacement in the Educational Building of St. Paul UCC. Brice Schmitmeyer seconded the motion. Discussion was held and motion passed.

Stained Glass Windows: A proposal was presented by Norm Holcomb for two plaques to be made for the windows in the south entrance. An estimate from Unique Awards in St. Marys was for a 12 X 14 plaque near the big window and an 8 X 12 plaque near the door window. These will be black lettering with a brushed gold overlay. The estimated price would be \$75.00 for both plaques. Dennis Dicke made a motion for Unique Awards to make the plaques and Jeff Paul seconded the motion. A discussion was held and motion passed.

The spoutings are overflowing because of the maple seedlings. Norm Holcomb opened up all of the spoutings around church. The trustees will look into why there is always a pool of water at the east entrance of the educational building.

Norm Holcomb will look into getting estimates on trees to replace the two that were taken out on the north side of the educational building. These trees will be in loving memory of Wilton Dicke by the family.

Kathy Topp asked who takes care of spraying the weeds at the curbsides. Ralph Plattner will be contacted about this.

Carrie Cutlip asked if the frame from the storm windows could be removed so the windows can be opened. Norm Holcomb will be checking into this.

Rev. Matthews' Report:

Rev. Matthews had 4 wedding consultations, 10 hospital calls, 9 nursing home visits, 3 consultations with 2 families planning memorial services, attended confirmation reunion, Senior High School breakfast and Recognition Sunday, Senior/Retirees lunch, 3 nursing home services at Golden Living, The Living Center, and Heritage, responded to emergency needs of two New Bremen families, managed worship planning and bulletin preparation/coordination for two weekly services, staff consultations, weekly meetings with John Voress and Jeff Paul, met with Board of Christian Education, met with Mission Board, reviewed church profile at request of search committee.

Carrie Cutlip's Report:

JYFS -- In the past month we continued our study of the armor of God. Specifically we had lessons on the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit. Our service project was a food drive for Nu-Vizion. It went extremely well and we restocked Nu-Vizion's food pantry which was nearly empty. Our end of the year party is scheduled for May 14th at Putters Lane in Minster.

Jr. High & Sr. High -- In Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group our lessons have focused on being a servant and sharing our faith with others. Our worship experiences for the month included foot washing, planting, a nature walk, and a reflection on creation. We will be breaking from our weekly meetings over the summer.

Recent Youth Activities -- Cincinnati Museum Trip to see the Bodies Exhibit, video game tournament, youth-led worship service, serving the confirmation reunion, senior recognition breakfast.

Upcoming Youth Activities -- Sr. High end of the year cookout, Jr. High end of the year party, paint ball, parent feedback night, and promotion Sunday.

Summer Camps -- Registration for camp is nearly complete. All registrations should be sent in by next week.

Summer Programs -- During the summer months, the Jr. and Sr. High youth groups will meet periodically for activities. In the month of June we have several activities planned which include paint ball, a canoe trip, and a trip to Kings Island.

In addition to these meetings a group will be traveling to the Alive Christian Music Festival, June 18-21.

Summer Family Events

June 7th -- Family YMCA Night @ 7 p.m.

June 29th -- 175th Anniversary Carnival

August 2nd -- St. Paul Pool Party @ 7 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

John Voress thanked Lucille Francis for the stained glass windows and symbols pamphlets. We will have more printed.

Safe Church: Jarod's Law -- Jeff Paul, Tom Thieman and John Voress have talked about this. This is dealing with keeping our building safe for occupants.

Fax Machine/Copier/Printer: Dot Koeper has found the one she thought would work in the office and purchased it. Dot found the best price. It is up and working in the office.

NEW BUSINESS

Red Cross: The office in Lima will come and give us classes. They will call us in August.

Busy Twelve: This group is celebrating its 100th anniversary and they are wondering if the church needs anything special that they could purchase as a gift for the church. Vases for the chapel area were suggested.

June Wiehe has donated a monetary amount to use for the 175th birthday celebration.

Ann Kuhn's Contract: The contract runs from September 2008 through August 2009 and was increased by 3% for a total of \$1,947.60.

Ann has had her nursery school in the church for 38 years. Joyce Holdren made a motion to accept Ann's contract and Kathy Topp seconded the motion. Discussion was held and motion passed.

New Bremen Police: Safety programs for the elementary school. Cost for 50 children is \$107.50. Norm Holcomb made a motion to donate \$107.50 and Ann Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A thank you was received from The Crescent Players and a donation of \$300.00 for the use of rooms to practice for their plays.

The 175th anniversary book is ready to go to print. There will be 80 pages in the book. It will be filled with pictures and facts of the church. The committee is getting quotes to have it printed.

The celebration banners on the outside of the church cost \$560.00. They are hanging at the east entrance of the church.

Jeff Paul will have the meditation for next meeting which will be held on June 10, 2008, at 7:30 P. M.

A motion was made by Norm Holcomb to adjourn the meeting and Jeff Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Cindy Newman, Secretary

John Voress, President