

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 17 members present including: John Voress, Jeff Paul, Cindy Newman, Joyce Holdren, Greg Maurer, Staci Jones, Ralph Plattner, Kathy Topp, Norm Holcomb, Cheryl Barlage, Shirley Henegar, Brice Schmitmeyer, Mark Barhorst, Dennis Dicke, Tom Braun, Rev. Matthews, and Carrie Cutlip. Meditation was given by Dennis Dicke.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the August meeting were discussed. Ralph Plattner made a motion to accept the minutes. Brice Schmitmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Fund Activity Report for the month ending August, 2008, was available for review. Tom Braun reported we have a surplus of \$10,229.71 year to date. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Norm Holcomb to approve the report and Cheryl Barlage seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Pulpit Committee:** The committee is scheduling a trial sermon and meeting with a person later this month. They are looking over more profiles.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Deacon Report:** Brice Schmitmeyer reported that the VCR camera is working okay right now. The people who deliver these tapes are checking to see if the users have DVD players. Eileen Gamble takes a VCR tape to Alma Kuest at Otterbein and Tom Braun takes one to Bob and Betty Kettler. Norm Holcomb and Brice Schmitmeyer will work on this project, maybe going to DVDs instead.

**Trustee Report:** Ralph Plattner got quotes for the relandscaping around the church. Sidney Landscaping's quote was \$5,963.00 and Healthy Lawn's quote was \$1,725.00. Ralph Plattner made a motion to accept Healthy Lawn's quote to do the landscaping and Mark Barhorst seconded the motion. This landscaping is at the west entrance of the educational building and the east entrance to the church. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Kathy Topp and Tom Thieman are checking into new handrails. New handrails will be for the east sanctuary entrance, the west educational building entrance, north educational building entrance and south parking lot steps. These will be aluminum handrails and they will be removable. No new

handrails will be put on the front porch of the parsonage and the north sanctuary entrance.

Four more trees have been taken down by Denny Sudman. The stumps have been removed at a cost of \$200.00. All new trees will be planted by the end of the week.

Norm Holcomb checked into whether we needed permits from the town for the electrical service. Mr. Wayne York said we didn't need permits because it is just an upgrade of service.

#### **Rev. Matthews' Report:**

Officiated at Ashley Dicke/Ryan Grevenkamp wedding

Read scripture at Amy Heidt/Shawn Sayers wedding

1 funeral

Worship at Heritage Manor

Many hospital and nursing home visits

Beginning Confirmation Wed., Sept. 10, 2008—will be studying worship; youth will be preparing a worship service for Sept. 21, 2008.

Gave opening prayer at Bremenfest

Attended 2 open houses for birthday/anniversary at church

Continue to provide pastoral care as needed

Design worship for 2 services each week

#### **Carrie Cutlip's Report:**

**JYFS** – We are now in our third week of the JYFS program and things are off to a great start. This year we are using a curriculum that focuses on faith foundations and issues that pre-teen children face. In the past weeks we have had lessons on knowing, loving, and following God. We have a service project coming up on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and our Fall Field Trip on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jr. High & Sr. High** – Jr. & Sr. High Youth group have also gotten underway for the year. We have a great team of volunteers in place who are working to get to know each of the teens and serve as mentors to them. In youth group this month we are focusing on acceptance and issues such as self worth, love, loneliness, and the body of Christ.

#### **Recent Youth Activities**

**Bremenfest Parade** – The youth rode on the St. Paul float and passed out candy at the parade. Our float was awarded first place for theme.

**Back to School Blowout** – A large gathering of Jr. & Sr. High youth came together at the church to celebrate the start of a new school year. We had a great time playing video games, volleyball, eating pizza and catching up after our summer off.

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

**Revolve Tour** – *Sept. 12-13* The ladies will travel to Columbus, Ohio for a weekend event that features speakers and bands that address issues like faith, identity, self worth, healthy relationships, and dating, especially for young girls.

**Jr. High Bonfire** – *Sept. 20* The Jr. High will be gathering at Shelby O'Neill's house for a bonfire, food and fun.

**Pumpkin Pancake Fundraiser** – *Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>* the youth will be selling pumpkin pancakes at the pumpkin festival at the Crown Pavilion from 7-11 a.m.

**Sr. High Football Party** – *Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>* The Sr. High will gather at Jack & Darlene Gilberg's house to watch the Bengals take on the Browns.

**Jr. High Fall Retreat** – *Oct. 10-11<sup>th</sup>* The Jr. High will be returning to Kalahari Indoor Water Park for their fall retreat.

**Crop Walk** – *Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>* Youth will be participating in the annual crop walk.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Wish List:** A remote control winch for the center dome chandelier in the sanctuary was added.

**Project of the Year:** A letter has been sent to all of the church members explaining the Project of the Year. A donation envelope was included.

**Busy Twelve:** They are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year as an organization of the church. Rev. Matthews will check to see if they would like to have a celebration for their anniversary. The Busy Twelve has volunteered to take care of the paraments, polish the brass altarware, change candle sticks when necessary, dust dossal curtain, etc. on a regular schedule. Kathy Topp made a motion for the Busy Twelve to do this. Dennis Dicke seconded the motion. Discussion was held and a vote was taken. Motion passed.

### **Budget Committee:**

The Budget committee met to set up the budget for next year. They will finalize the budget on Oct. 1, 2008 and bring it to the council meeting in Oct.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A thank you note was read from the Auglaize County Fair from the Gospel Tent Committee. They thanked us for our donation.

The Chamber of Commerce is updating their directory. This is the community profile and directory book. Dennis Dicke made a motion to put an ad in the directory about the church and Greg Maurer seconded the motion. Discussion was held and a vote was taken. Motion passed. John Voress will get in touch with the person doing the updating of this directory.

Several offices have been filled for the upcoming year: Terri Goodwin, Jr. Elder; Gary Wehmeyer, deacon.

Carrie Cutlip read her letter of resignation, effective Nov. 26, 2008. She will move to Washington, D.C. where her fiancée is working with the Secret Service at the White House. Norm Holcomb moved to accept her resignation, with regret, and Ralph Plattner seconded the motion. A discussion was held. A vote was taken and motion passed. We will all certainly miss Carrie but we wish her the best of luck.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dec. 2, 2008—Staff Dinner at 6:30.

Next meeting—October, 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Ann Nelson will have the meditation.

Norm Holcomb made a motion to adjourn and Dennis Dicke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lord's Prayer was said by all.

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Cindy Newman, Secretary

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John Voress, President