

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
January 13, 2009**

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: The board will meet on January 20, 2009, for their first meeting of the New Year.

Deacons: Mark Barhorst reported that a meeting was held with all of the deacons to go over the duties of a deacon. A discussion was held on the taping of each service. Mark will let Dot Koeper know where the tapes that are to be taken to the nursing home residents are going to be kept after they are ready.

Trustees: Kathy Topp reported that the bricks on the church need to be sealed. This should be done every 8 to 10 years and it is time. There are shingles off the steeple above the north clock face. This will be checked into.

Norm Holcomb reported that a state inspector was in to check on the electrical project that has been completed. Another new electrical panel will need to be installed to replace an existing boiler room panel that is unsafe. C&J Electric has been contacted about this issue.

A room has been made for Betty Hatfield in which to keep all of her cleaning/maintenance supplies. A new sweeper will be purchased for Betty Hatfield for cleaning purposes.

Norm took some more copper wire to recycling and received a check for \$181.51. This will be put in the Project of the Year fund. Thanks, Norm, for doing this. What a "recycler"! The maintenance room has been reorganized. Those using items from this room should return them to their proper location.

Building lock up. John Voress will talk with Rev. Youngkin and the trustees about locking the educational building each night since Ralph Plattner will no longer be handling this duty.

Rev. Youngkin: Rev. Youngkin reported that he had a great welcome to the church his first week here. He said he is glad to be here and is now doing fine. He read an article, "Let's Get Fired Up!", an article from the UCC web page *Devotions*. He told us that this is a very good web site to read daily devotions.

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: People are looking at the Wish List and asking about it. If you have anything that you see the church could use and would like to see it on the Wish List, let John Voress know.

Youth Search Committee: The committee is having second interviews with two candidates. They met on January 13, 2009 for a second interview with one of the persons. We will be hearing more about this soon.

Web Site: The church web site (www.stpaulnb.org) has been changed and new information added. Kathy Topp will now be maintaining the web site. Jack Gilberg had been managing the site. Thank you to Jack for handling this task for the past several years.

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress. Rev. Youngkin gave a prayer. Members in attendance were: John Voress, Jeff Paul, Cindy Newman, Cheryl Barlage, Terri Goodwin, Kathy Topp, Norm Holcomb, Mark Barhorst, Dennis Dicke, James Gilberg, Gary Wehmeyer, and Rev. Youngkin.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was discussed. A motion was made by Jeff Paul to accept the report and seconded by Cheryl Barlage. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun went over the year end report.

- **General Fund:** Receipts: \$208,535; Expenses: \$204,075; Surplus: \$4,460.
- **Building and Property Care:** Balance as of Jan. 1, 2008: \$12,527; Receipts: \$15,650; Expenses: \$11,835; Balance as of Dec. 31, 2008: \$16,343.
- **Memorial Funds:** Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$557,275; Receipts: \$69,657; Expenses: \$52,072; Balance as of Dec. 31, 2008: \$574,860.
- **Mission Giving:** OCWM: \$36,372; Other: \$21,111. Total: \$57,483.

A discussion was held. Questions were answered and a motion was made by Norm Holcomb to accept the report and seconded by Cheryl Barlage. A vote was taken and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Cindy Newman reported on several items the membership committee is working on.

- **Nametags:** We feel we need to get to know everyone better in our church and if you are a visitor, to welcome you to the church.
- Signs posted around the inside of the church to indicate the location of different areas within the building. ("You are here" signs.)
- Signs outside around the church. Example: where the church office is located; the handicap ramp; etc.
- Using the red folders in the pews again to make sure we greet all visitors and send a "Nice to see you" letter. More will be coming on these items later.
- Confirmation Reunion date is set for May 3, 2009.

Mission: Gary Wehmeyer reported that on the first Sunday of every month, a mission committee member will report on the mission project for the month so everyone will know what mission is being emphasized.

Pulpit Committee: The committee is working very hard and looking over several more profiles.

Staff Policy: Jeff Paul will be heading up this committee which will consist of one trustee and one other person from the church. Kathy Topp will be the trustee and Jeff will ask another person to complete the committee. Rev. Youngkin will also sit on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Zelta Fogt and Karl Mesloh have volunteered to be the two deacons still needed for this year. A motion to accept these two people was made by Dennis Dicke and seconded by Terri Goodwin. A vote was taken and motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next council meeting will be held on February 10, 2009, at 7:30 P.M.

A thank you was read from the TLC-OCCL Club for using the building for their activities and meetings. They have donated two eight foot banquet tables to the church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norm Holcomb and seconded by Dennis Dicke. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Cindy Newman, Secretary

John Voress, President

WISH LIST

What is the Wish List? It's a list (in no particular order) that the church council has developed that will help direct attention to items which families or groups may want to consider purchasing for the church. This list is for reference only. Other ideas are welcome. See below for current list:

- Cart for moving keyboard
- New refrigerator for kitchen
- New windows for educational building
- New flooring in auditorium
- Refinishing pews and woodwork in sanctuary
- Air conditioners for Assembly Room and Chapel
- Risers for Spirit Safari Club for children's programs
- Youth Endowment fund contributions
- Van for transportation
- Replace outdoor lamp posts
- ~~Replace parsonage porch lights~~
- Replace all wrought iron exterior handrails
- ~~TV for youth room (DVD adaptable)~~
- Computer keyboard for youth room
- New overhead garage doors for parsonage garage
- Remote-controlled winch for sanctuary center dome chandelier