

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting  
Nov. 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President John Voress with 12 members present including: John Voress, Cheryl Barlage, Staci Jones, Kathy Topp, Norm Holcomb, Ann Nelson, Zelta Fogt, James Gilberg, Karl Mesloh, Gary Wehmeyer, Tom Braun, and Katie Jackson. Gary Wehmeyer gave the meditation.

**Secretary's Report:** October's minutes were discussed. One correction was made. The date of the November meeting was printed as Nov. 11, 2009, and should have been Nov. 10, 2009. The correction was made and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Norm Holcomb and seconded by James Gilberg. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Braun presented the report and a discussion was held. We have a balance of \$175.69 for the month and a deficit for the year-to-date of \$7,958.57. A motion was made to accept the report by Dennis Dicke and seconded by Cheryl Barlage. Motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership Committee:** Still discussing the name tags that are going to be used for the services.

**Mission Team:** No meeting and no report

**Worship Committee:** The committee is working on themes for each month.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Board of Christian Education:** No report

**Deacons:** No report

**Elder report:** No report

**Trustee's Report:** Kathy Topp reported that there is air trapped in the heating system which has caused ongoing heating problems. Kogge's is working on the situation. She also reported that the downspout on the northeast corner of the parsonage that had been connected to the village sanitary sewer system has been redirected. Also, the new handrails project has been put on hold until next spring. Larry Kuhn reported that the gears that operate the clock mechanism for the church tower clocks are worn and may need to be replaced. Norm Holcomb is working on new lighting around the Educational Building. He had a sample set up to show the council. Norm also presented information about putting air conditioning in the kitchen, assembly room and the chapel area. A preliminary quote has been received and estimated cost would be about \$3,000 per unit. John Voress mentioned that a pledge has been made toward the cost of the air conditioning project. Norm will have final pricing at the next meeting.

#### **Rev. Strang's Report:**

•Worship notes:

>Rev. Dan Busch will preach on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, and Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009.

>Installation Service is set for 3:00 p.m., Nov. 22, 2009, with Rev. Bill Youngkin preaching.

>First Weekend of Advent is November 28 and 29, 2009.

>Advent Candle Lighting Families/Teams are needed for Saturday services:

November 28  
December 5  
December 12  
December 19

•Called to Care:

>Circle of Friends

>Comfort pillows—4 pillows have been distributed.

>Visitation of homebound—27 homebound folk assigned visitors.

>Home communions—delivered by Terri Goodwin and Becky.

>Pumpkin bread/muffin deliveries—delivered by Becky.

•Gift received:

>A gift of \$100,000 was received in late October. All of the monies have not been designated, but at least part of the funds will go toward the Youth Endowment Fund.

•Cottage Meetings Summary:

>Mission giving/service projects/outreach. Continue to focus on missions abroad, but also grow a greater base of mission outreach locally.

>Emphasis on youth and children's ministries. Continue to build on our strong youth and children's programs.

>Community building. Members of St. Paul UCC yearn for ways to be more connected to one another--through Bible studies, spiritual growth, worship and fellowship opportunities. We also want to be the "lead congregation" in New Bremen--reach out to other congregations for ecumenical opportunities as well as reaching out to those without a church home.

>A possible mission statement for St. Paul United Church of Christ (found at [www.theparishpaper.com](http://www.theparishpaper.com)): *We are seeking to be an accepting, transforming, equipping, and sending community*

•Pastoral Care October 14-November 9, 2009

Hospital Visits: 13

Home Visits: 18

Nursing Home Visits: 28

Office Visits: 1

Phone Calls: 6

Home Communions: 2

**Katie Jackson's Report:**

•Past Events: Youth Sunday was October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Senior High Youth had breakfast at the parsonage.

•Upcoming Events: Fall Retreat Nov. 13-15, 2009—11 students and 3 adults will be attending this event. Around 70 people total will be attending among all 4 of the churches involved. Our theme is Twisted Priorities. My goals for the weekend are: strengthened relationships within our group; a renewed sense of God's will for our priorities; and new friends from different churches in the area. I hope that this will be a great experience for all of those involved.

•Sanctuary decorating November 30, 2009.

•Skillet Concert December 4<sup>th</sup>. So far, 25 youth and adults will attend the concert.

•Mission Trip Meeting is Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> after church. We will discuss an agenda, fundraising and the purpose of the trip. If you have a student who is interested in participating or if you would like to participate, please plan to attend.

•High School and Junior High students have been learning about the law and the prophets.

•JYFS had a bowling party last week, and they have been learning about compassion and serving others.

•Our event calendar through June 2010 just went out on Monday, so it should be arriving to everyone shortly.

**WISH LIST**

Additions to the Wish List include:

•Historical preservation of the first *Beacon* (January 1948).

•Historical preservation of the program printed for the dedication of the Educational Building (1951).

•New gears to replace worn gears in church clock mechanism.

The new Pictorial Directory is moving along and pictures will begin to be taken on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

Commas: more commas will be made for our new members of the church.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on December 6, 2009, immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service.

The 2010 Budget was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Norm Holcomb to accept the report as presented and seconded by Zelta Fogt. Motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 22, 2009: Rev. Strang's installation at 3:00 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held on December 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was closed with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

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James Gilberg, Secretary Pro-tem

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John Voress, President

**WISH LIST**

Item	Guesstimated cost
Cart for moving keyboard	\$500
<del>New refrigerator for kitchen</del>	<del>\$3000</del>
New windows for Educational Building	\$25,000
New flooring in auditorium	\$8000
<del>Replace parsonage porch lights</del>	<del>\$200</del>
Refinishing pews and woodwork in sanctuary	\$5000
Air conditioners for Assembly Room and Chapel	\$3000-\$4000
Risers for Spirit Safari Club for children's programs	\$300
Youth Endowment Fund contributions	
Van for transportation	\$5000
New outdoor lighting (replace lamp posts)	\$2000
Replace all wrought iron exterior handrails	\$2500-\$3000
<del>New overhead garage doors for parsonage garage</del>	<del>\$1000</del>
Remote-controlled winch for sanctuary center dome chandelier	\$500
Additional playground equipment	\$2500
<del>New freezer for kitchen</del>	<del>\$600-\$800</del>
Encapsulate/preserve first <i>Beacon</i> (January 1948) for historical display	\$130
Encapsulate/preserve 1951 Sunday School dedication program for historical display	\$150
New gears for church clock mechanism	\$500