

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
March 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Paul with 15 members present including: Jeffrey Paul, Debra Lear, Cheryl Barlage, Terri Goodwin, Lori Likens, Norm Holcomb, Greg Maurer, Brice Schmitmeyer, Greg Paul, Zelta Fogt Gary Wehmeyer, Lisa Davidson, Tom Braun, Rev. Strang, and Katie Jackson. Gregg Maurer gave the meditation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Gary Wehmeyer and seconded by Cheryl Barlage to accept the secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun presented the report and a discussion was held. We had an income of \$10,717.75 and have a deficit of \$4,469.29 for the month. A motion was made by Norm Holcomb and seconded by Zelta Fogt to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission Team: Gary Wehmeyer reported that for the month of March, the mission project will be Nu Vizion. The team is looking at SARA and AGAPE as future projects. \$1,137.00 was collected for the Haiti Relief project.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: Lori Likens reported that the board is looking into purchasing a full year curriculum instead of sections at a time.

Deacons: Gary Wehmeyer reported that we are ready to host the confirmands on the March 28th.

Elder Report: Cindy Newman sent a comment to thank Gary Wehmeyer, Jeff Paul, and Lori Likens for their help.

Trustees: Norm Holcomb updated the council on all projects that currently are a work in progress. He reported the money needed to air condition the chapel has been donated. Norm also commented that if anyone else would still like to donate to this project, they can do so through the Building and Property fund.

A quote of \$200.00 has been presented to purchase a lamp post lantern outside the church office on the east side of the building.

The trustees are still working on the storage carts for under the stage.

Norm also reported that the trustees are still looking for some individual to donate a tree from their property to be planted in the church park in memory of Rev. Weir.

Also Brice Schmitmeyer suggested that the trustees check the sidewalk on the south side of the Educational Building for drainage problems.

Rev. Strang's Report:

•Worship notes:
10 new members joined on Feb. 28th.

Rite of Confirmation/Palm Sunday will be March 28, 2010.

Maundy Thursday worship with communion will be April 1 at 7:30 pm.

Good Friday Community Worship (without communion) will be held on April 2 at 7:00 p.m..

Easter Worship services with communion will be held on April 4 at 7:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m..

•Confirmation Faith Statements will be shared with congregation in the chapel on Wednesday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m.. Parents will also bless their student at this time. All are welcome.

•Family Fun Night: March 20, 2010.

•Four-week Bible Study beginning Tuesday, April 6 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

•Resurrection Stories

•\$100,000 Gift--\$50,000 will go to the Youth Endowment Fund; \$50,000 will go toward a specific project/program/staff person with a specific focus on pastoral care to the elderly.

•Pastoral Care: February 9, 2010 - March 15, 2010.

Hospital Visits: 6

Home Visits: 4

Nursing Home Visits: 3

Phone Calls: 13

Funerals: 3

Office visits: 3

Baptisms: 3

Outside Worship: 2

Comma Deliveries: On hold until the weather warms!

•Leadership Empowerment Day has been moved to May 2, 2010.

Katie Jackson's Report:

Events since last meeting:

•February 11-12: Kalahari trip--23 students attended the winter retreat at Kalahari Indoor Water Park. The trip was a lot of fun, especially since we got to leave early because of school being cancelled.

•February 21: Jr. High Laser Tag

•February 25-March 1: Simply Youth Ministry Conference in Chicago--I took Jr. High ministry 101, a two-session half track, KidUnique, and did a supertrack on transitioning volunteers from chaperones to shepherds. I also participated in the women in youth ministry affinity group. The conference was an awesome opportunity to learn, recharge and network with other youth pastors. I am so thankful for the opportunity to participate.

•March 7: High School Laser Tag

•JYFS: The JYFS kids have been learning about protecting our environment and Internet safety, and helping those in need. We also did a craft for nursing home residents. A game day was also held a few weeks ago.

•Jr. High: The Jr. High students have been learning some of the characteristics of God including God's ability to be close to us and how He can be our hero.

•High School: Students have been talking about being close to God and how we were designed to relate to others.

Upcoming events:

- March 21: Youth Sunday
- March 27: Cookie Walk
- March 28: Confirmation
- April: Overnights or 30 Hour Famine

•Renovate: June 7-11, \$100/person, Grades 6-12, VBS, work projects, Lima YMCA Annex, 12 or so churches involved.

OLD BUSINESS

•Wish List: air conditioning taken off list.

•Staff Policy/Contract Revisions – Jeff reported that six meetings with staff are completed and about 4 to 5 yet to go.

•Esther Dicke Memorial – still need an estimate for the electrical winch for church chandelier and new church clock gears. Pictures of the clock's gears will be taken to use for quote requests. The trustees are also looking into risers for Spirit Safari Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Life and Disability Insurance for Youth Director – Jeff mentioned that they are looking at New Bremen Insurance Agency for life and disability insurance for Katie Jackson. It was moved by Norm Holcomb to purchase the \$100,000 term life insurance at \$150.00 per year and (30 day) disability Insurance at \$734.00 per year. Terry Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Paul will be getting a quote for an additional \$50,000.00 of term life insurance through New Bremen Insurance Agency for Rev. Becky Strang.

Sharon Fiely painting – it has been suggested that Sharon do an inscription near the bicycle in the mural in the Jungle Mania room in memory of Rev. Weir. It would include his birth date and date of his death and when he served our congregation.

Confirmand gifts – discussion was held on gift ideas and Rev. Strang will use these ideas to purchase the gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2010, at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Zelta Fogt to adjourn and seconded by Brice Schmitmeyer. Motion passed.

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

Deb Lear, Secretary

Jeff Paul, 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.

Item	Guesstimated cost
New windows for Educational Building	\$25,000
New flooring in auditorium	\$8000
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
Remote-controlled winch for sanctuary center dome chandelier	\$500
Additional playground equipment	\$2500
New gears for church clock mechanism	\$500