

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
April 13, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Paul with 9 voting members present including Jeffrey Paul, Debra Lear, Terri Goodwin, Lori Likens, Norm Holcomb, James Gilberg, Larry Kuhn, Greg Paul, Lisa Davidson, Rev. Strang, and Katie Jackson. Greg Paul gave the meditation.

Secretary's Report: no quorum—will vote at next meeting

Treasurer's Report: no quorum—will vote on at next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

- Rev. Strang working on final details of the confirmation reunion.
- Sept. 12th has been set for a Homecoming Sunday to invite people back for a picnic in the park.

Worship: Post cards will be sent to remind the members that there is a meeting April 28th at 6:00 p.m. to work on summer plans.

OTHER REPORTS

Elder Report: Terri Goodwin reported that Holy Week went well.

Trustees: Norm Holcomb updated the council on the projects that currently are a work in progress.

•The work on installing the air conditioners for the kitchen-Assembly Room-Chapel is tentatively set for April 26 with New Knoxville Supply Company. A new breaker box will need to be installed just for the new air conditioner which will be part of the new electrical system.

•Chickasaw Machine and Tool Company checked the gears for the clock tower to get an estimate on the work. The price they unofficially quoted for rework on the gears would be approximately \$5,000. The trustees will check on the money available to fund this project.

•The trustees have been checking on details to replace the remote control winch for the dome chandelier. One estimate was \$300-\$400 for a 700 lb winch. The trustees will continue to work on this project

•The outside lights are here and are ready to be installed.

•Progress has been made on building storage units under the stage. One is finished and the second one will be finished soon. It was mentioned that the Senior Luncheon Committee would like to use one of the units for storage of items that they use.

•The Rev. Weir Memorial is progressing with two people willing to donate trees from their nursery to be used. Norm Holcomb will be mapping out where the trees might be placed in the park.

•The Educational Building window replacement project is still a work in progress, which involves waiting on quotes from Roland Dicke on materials.

•It was noted that the cellar doors are due for a repainting.

•The trustees are also looking at replacing the wrought-iron handrails on the north and east sides of the church and the south parking lot, with Tom Thieman doing the work.

•The south parking lot sidewalk drainage problem is still a work in progress. The trustees need to determine exactly how to repair the sidewalk and proceed this with project.

•Larry Kuhn reported that the old sanctuary doors and plastic statues that have been in storage in the church basement for some time could be sold during a garage sale this month. Discussion was held and it was decided to move forward on this project with the monies earned coming back to the church.

Rev. Strang's Report:

•Worship notes:

Palm Sunday/Rite on Confirmation – 10 young people confirmed with close to 300 attendees that morning. (Faith Statements/Blessings the Wednesday prior).

Maundy Thursday, with confirmands serving the communion, went well with an attendance of approximately 50 people.

Good Friday ecumenical service-Tenebrae – 98 in attendance.

Confirmation Reunion – May 2nd

Northwest Ohio Association Meeting: April 24 in Sylvania

Leadership Empowerment Day – May 2nd in Bluffton

Called to Care – going well

Terri Goodwin Licensure – still working on the process

Four-week Bible Study beginning Tuesday April 6, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., "Resurrection Stories." During May, the Bible Study will be the "Sermon on the Mount" and "Sermon on the Plains."

•Pastor Porch Parties: Sundays, 6:00-9:00 p.m., June 6, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 15 and August 29. Bring lawn chairs, side dish/salad or dessert

•Upcoming time away:

Saturday May 1. Jimmy's prom. Darrin Harvey from Green View UCC will preach.

May 17 – 21. Continuing Ed: Festival of Homiletics in Nashville, TN.

June 8-9. Orientation for Jimmy at Miami University.

June 11-18. Family vacation in Tennessee

June 29 – July 5 (approx.). Officiate at a wedding of a college friend in Seattle.

•Pastoral Care: March 16 – April 13, 2010.

Weddings: 1

Hospital Visits: 9

Home Visits: 21

Nursing Home Visits: 19

Phone Calls: 11

Funerals: 1

Office visits: 2

Home Communion: 4

Continuing Ed: 1

•Comma deliveries: On hold until the weather warms!

Katie Jackson's Report:

•Past Events:

March 21: Youth Sunday.

March 27: Cookie Walk-was very successful and we plan to do another one around Christmas time.

April 4: Easter Breakfast-also a success and we will be doing this again next year.

•JYFS: We have recently talked about prayer and standing up for our faith.

•Jr. High and High School: We have talked about our identity in the world versus our God-given identity as well as integrity.

•Upcoming events:

April 28: Training event in Ada and JYFS swim party.

May 1: Jr. High canoeing and cookout.

May 2: Senior Send-off.

May 7-8: 30-Hour Famine in St. Marys.

May 19: Bowling party/last youth group for both groups.

OLD BUSINESS

Update amount of the clock gears to \$5,000 from \$500 on Wish List.

Staff Policy/Contract Revisions – Jeff reported that three meetings with staff are still to be completed.

Esther Dicke Memorial – monies will go towards the youth endowment fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Paul suggested we revise and update the constitution. It was last updated in 1986. A committee will be set up to look into the revisions.

. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be held on May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

May meditation – Brice Schmitmeyer.

NWOC Meeting – April 24, 2010.

Prayer Chain Meeting - April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Reunion – May 2, 2010.

Leadership Empowerment Day – May 2, 2010.

No official adjournment.

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	\$5000