

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
May 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Paul with 16 members present including: Jeffrey Paul, Debra Lear, Cheryl Barlage, Terri Goodwin, Lori Likens, Norm Holcomb, Greg Maurer, Brice Schmitmeyer, Larry Kuhn, Greg Paul, Zelta Fogt, Gary Wehmeyer, Michelle Voress, Tom Braun, Rev. Strang, and Katie Jackson. Brice Schmitmeyer gave the meditation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March and April meetings were discussed and one amendment was made to the March minutes. A motion was made by Norm Holcomb and seconded by Cheryl Barlage to accept the secretary's report with the amendment. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun presented the report and a discussion was held. We had an income of \$22,743.25 and have a deficit of \$3,486.25 for the month. A motion was made by Larry Kuhn and seconded by Lori Likens to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed. It was also noted that the pictorial directory has a gross expense of \$4,513.15 and it is hoped to recoup 2/3 of the expense through contributions. With the campership program, there is a gross expense of \$3,294.00 and it should receive approximately \$1,000 in reimbursement from the parents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Rev. Strang reported on the Sept. 12th Homecoming Sunday plans. The committee decided to set up a sanctuary snack zone and visit after church instead of a picnic.

Mission Team: Larry Kuhn suggested that in the individual monetary box envelopes, a special colored envelope needs to be included to designate a donation just to the Mission of the Month. Larry will discuss this with the Stewardship board and will report back to the council in the future

Worship: Rev. Strang reported about updates for the summer program. The committee will meet again closer to the fall.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: Lori Likens reported that the Senior Breakfast was held on May 2nd with 3 out of the 8 seniors attending. The Children's Worship Service will be on May 16, and Bibles will be presented to the 2nd and 3rd graders. On May 23, Teacher's Appreciation will occur during the worship service and Bibles will be presented to the 5th and 6th graders. There will be a teacher's appreciation luncheon following the worship service.

Deacons: No formal report.

Elder Report: No formal report

Trustees: Norm Holcomb updated the council on all projects that are currently in progress. He reported that the air conditioners are now installed and working in the kitchen, assembly room and chapel. Norm explained to the council the operations of the air conditioners.

The placement for the new outside lights around the Educational Building has been determined, with 3 on the west side, 2 on the south side and 2 on the north side underneath the eaves. The new lights should be up and working within the next couple of weeks. The post lamps will be taken down once the new lights are installed.

Norm wants it to be noted that the trustees really appreciate it when the congregation lets them know when things are not working but he reminded us that they are only volunteers and they are working on these projects as best as they can.

Rev. Strang's Report:

- Confirmation Reunion: May 2nd
 - Children's Worship and 2nd Grade Bible Presentation: May 16
 - Teacher Appreciation and 5th Grade Bible Presentation: May 23
 - Senior Recognition Day: May 30
 - Hymn sing worships: August 28 & 29
 - Prayer chain: 20 people on the chain
 - E-mail/Phone
 - Woven Prayers: Rev. Strang introduced a new way to note prayers through a woven picture created by yarns woven into a picture frame. Rev. Strang will introduce this concept to the congregation at the May 23rd worship service.
 - Called to Care: added 2 people
 - Four-Week Bible Study: Currently on Thursday evenings: Sermon on the Mount/Sermon on the Plain.
 - Bill Kuck Gift: \$100,000 check received in late October. \$50,000 will go to the Youth Endowment Fund. \$50,000 to Staff Position--proposal: Lay Minister of Visitation
 - Pastor Porch Parties: Sundays 6-9 p.m. Dates: June 6, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 15, and August 29. Bring lawn chairs, side dish/salad or dessert, sidewalk chalk and bubbles. It was Okayed by the council to allow the sidewalks to be decorated with chalk.
 - Upcoming Time Away:
 - 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.) Officiating at a wedding of a college friend in Seattle.
 - Pastoral Care: April 14 – May 11, 2010
- Weddings: 1
Hospital Visits: 6
Home Visits: 9
Nursing Home Visits: 1
Phone Calls: 14

Notes Written: 5
Funerals: 4
Office visits: 4
Baptisms: 1
Outside Worship: 1
Continuing Ed: 1
Comma Deliveries: On hold.

Katie Jackson's Report:

•Past Events:

April 16: Jr. High Overnighter--we couldn't stay overnight but had a blast anyway.

April 28: Training Event in Ada--was a great experience and I learned a lot.

May 1: Jr. High Canoeing and cookout--15 students participated

May 2: Senior Send-off--was a great way to have our students reminisce about their time at St. Paul. It was a good time.

May 7-8: 30 Hour Famine--9 students attended the 30 Hour Famine event in St. Marys. We have raised \$773 for World Vision. Some students suggested that we host it next year.

•JYFS: Everything is going well. We have two more weeks left and then we will take a break for the summer. Students have been learning about the Bible, including its contents and why they might want to start reading it.

•Jr. High: Students have learned about prayer and last week we talked about how to live a life without regret.

•High School: We have also been discussing prayer and regret.

•Upcoming events:

May 16: Last high school youth group

May 19: Bowling party at Speedway Lanes 7-9 p.m., free to students

June 7-11: Renovate--3 students are signed up so far from St. Paul

June 23-26: Alive Music Festival--15 students are signed up

•Other:

I have been invited to what is called the IT Team Summit at Group Publishing in Loveland Colorado, because I am on the Inside Track Team for the Simply Youth Ministry Conference, which is put on by Group. It is a three-day event in October where I will get to tour Group Publishing, participate in round-table discussions and network with others from the IT Team. A lot of the specifics are unclear at this point, but Group is covering transportation to and from the airport, all food and the hotel for two nights. The only expense from the church will be the plane ticket. Because there were only 100 spots available for this opportunity, signing up as quickly as possible was important, so I talked to Becky who talked to Jeff and Lisa who said I could go. The round-trip ticket cost is \$264.20

OLD BUSINESS

Wish List: Add to list a new dorsal curtain behind altar in sanctuary.

Staff Policy/Contract Revisions: Jeff reported that one contract is still to be completed.

Constitution Revision: A committee consisting of Jeff Paul, Terri Goodwin, Gary Wehmeyer, Rev. Strang, and Greg Maurer was established to begin revisions of the constitution.

NEW BUSINESS

Lay Minister Job Description: A rough draft was explained by Rev. Strang. It was moved by Michelle Voress to accept the new position of a Lay Minister at a salary of \$50.00 a week plus mileage for a period of 48 weeks (4-week vacation). Seconded by Brice Schmitmeyer. Motion passed

Senior Gift Ideas: Jeff Paul suggested gift cards purchased through the SCRIP program. These gifts will be presented during the church service on May 30th.

Sponsorship of Auglaize County Fair Gospel Tent: Norm Holcomb moved to sponsor the Auglaize County Fair Gospel Tent at the same rate as last year. Michelle Voress seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chamber Membership for Southwestern Auglaize County: Larry Kuhn moved that we continue membership by paying \$80.00/year. Cheryl Barlage seconded the motion. Motion passed.

In other business, it was suggested by Cheryl Barlage to have The Beacon sent on-line to those interested parties as a way to save money. Those individuals would need to submit their e-mail address if interested. We will table this idea until our next meeting so we can have further discussion on this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be held on June 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

June meditation – Michelle Voress

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Deb Lear, Secretary

Jeff Paul, President