

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
July 13, 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, Gary Wehmeyer, Lisa Davidson, James Gilberg, Michelle Voress, Tom Braun, Rev. Strang, and Katie Jackson. Norm Holcomb gave the meditation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Gary Wehmeyer and seconded by James Gilberg 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 \$16,763.50 and have a surplus of \$1,486.53 for the month. A motion was made by Cheryl Barlage and seconded by Michelle Voress to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed. Tom also shared the funds report for the past 6 months. It was also noted that St. Paul Church has given out \$24,454.63 to our many mission projects so far this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: No report. Meeting will be held August 16th in preparation of the Homecoming Sunday.

Mission Team: No report. There will be a September 13th meeting.

Worship: No report. There will be a meeting on August 11th.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: No report. Lori Likens stated that they are gearing up for the Child Safety Program which will be held August 17th.

Deacons: No formal report.

Elder Report: No formal report

Trustees: Norm Holcomb updated the council on all current projects.

- Ordered a window for Rev. Strang's office door.
- The storage units under the stage are completed.
- Light fixtures in the sanctuary are a work in progress.

- \$5000 has been pledged for the repair of the clock gears. It has been estimated that the repair work will take approximately 6-8 weeks. This project will start September 1st.

- A discussion was held about the replacement of the Assembly Room and Chapel windows. It was estimated by Roland Dicke that the expense involved would be around \$5,000 per window. (1/2 of the expense would be for labor). Norm discussed if we could do some of the work ourselves to reduce the cost. This project was added to the wish list as an ongoing project over the next two years.

- Ceiling tile replacement work is continuing in the Educational Building auditorium.

- A Tree Memorial for Rev. Weir was shared and will continue to be discussed at our future meetings.

- A new lamp post in front of the office is still a work in progress,

- Tom Braun reported on the financial costs of our waste removal program with the dumpster. Brice Schmitmeyer moved that we use the 2 yd. dumpster with Maharg at \$65 a month. Norm Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rev. Strang's Report:

- Attendance at Saturday worship continues to grow. (most likely due to air conditioning!)

- Three Boy Scouts will be presented with their God and Church pins on July 25.

- Hymn Sing Worship: August 28 & 29.

- Prayer chain: Email/Phone & Woven Prayers – continues to grow.

- Called to Care – planning an all-church workshop for the fall. There will be a planning meeting on August 12th at 7 p.m.

- Terri Goodwin licensure – Rev. Strang explained the process.

- Lay Minister of Visitation: Three candidates interviewed. Terri Goodwin accepted the position and began July 1, 2010.

- Pastor Porch Parties: Sundays, 6-9 p.m., July 25, August 15, and August 29. Bring a lawn chair, side dish/salad or dessert. Attendance continues to grow at each party. Good time had by all. Repeat parties welcome.

- Upcoming time away:

- Friday August 13th: Taking Jimmy to college to begin marching band season.

- October 1-3 (with a maybe a bit of time on one side or the other): Parents' Weekend at Miami University.

- Pastoral Care June 7-13, 2010.

Weddings: 1

Funerals: 2

Hospital Visits: 12

Home Visits: 4

Notes Written: 3

Office Visits: 1

Phone Calls: 12

Home Communion: 1

Katie Jackson's Report:

- Past Events:

- Renovate June 7-11. Six St. Paul students attended. They either helped with a VBS each day or did service projects like: worked on a women's shelter, helped Cridersville School move, yard work, mulching, and sponsored a community picnic. They also participated in group-building activities, worship and fellowship.

- June 20, July 1 and July 11: HS Bible studies held so far have attracted 6 different students. We've been discussing the book of Romans.

**St. Paul U.C.C. Council Meeting
August 10, 2010**

-June 23-26: Alive Music Festival-15 students attended

-July 9: Cedar Point-18 students attended

•Upcoming events:

-July 17-24: Confirmation Camp

-August 10: JH party at Hecht's Landing

-August 13: The Summer Heat Show-6 bands will be participating. The cost is \$3 to attend and all proceeds from admission will be donated to SARA.

OLD BUSINESS

•Staff Policy/Contract Revisions – Jeff reported that one contract is to be completed

•Constitution Revision – in the process of typing it. A discussion was held on putting a Financial Advisory Committee into this constitution.

•Lay Minister of Parish Life Approval - It was moved by Lori Liken and seconded by Michelle Voress to approve the hiring of Terri Goodwin for the Lay Minister position. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

•Summer Adult Leadership Training (SALT). Rev. Strang reported on this summer job program for young college age people to serve our church. She would like the council to consider putting something like this into the budget for 2011. It was referred to the budget committee for further discussion.

•Compensation for Beacon/Website personnel. A discussion was held and referred this topic to the Budget Committee. Logistics of the electronic *Beacon* were discussed

•Chamber of Commerce map ad. A discussion was held to continue our ad in the Chamber Commerce map ad. Brice Schmitmeyer moved to continue our ad at a rate of \$395.00 for a 3 year period. Seconded by Cheryl Barlage. Motion Passed.

•Bremenfest parade float- it was mentioned that we have been invited to have a float in the Bremenfest Parade. No action was taken at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be held on August 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

August meditation – Lisa Davidson

It was announced that council received a thank you note from Rachel Kramer for her Senior Gift.

Norm Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Greg Maurer.

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

Deb Lear, Secretary

Jeff Paul, President

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lisa Davidson with 13 members present including Lisa Davidson, Norm Holcomb, Larry Kuhn, Brice Schmitmeyer, Greg Maurer, Gary Wehmeyer, James Gilberg, Katie Jackson, Lori Likens, Terri Goodwin, Pastor Becky Erb Strang, Zelta Fogt, and Cheryl Barlage, as well as Tom Braun. Lisa Davidson provided the meditation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Norm Holcomb made a motion to accept the secretary's report as written. Gary Wehmeyer seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Braun presented the treasurer's report noting that for the month ending July, 2010, there was a surplus of \$3,012.19. Our deficit year-to-date is \$573.89. Tom commented that expenses were as expected. Brice made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as written and Cheryl Barlage seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: There is a meeting scheduled for August 16.

Mission: There is a meeting scheduled for August 13. Gary Wehmeyer reminded council that the mission project for the rest of the year is the Agape chapel and that there have been weekly updates during Sunday morning worship. The demolition is completed and construction is to begin. They are still looking for people to help with that.

Worship: There is a meeting scheduled for August 11.

OTHER REPORTS

Board of Christian Education: Lori reported that the Child Safety meeting is scheduled for August 17 and that she has discussed the children's version of the Safe Child program with Stephanie Dicke. Stephanie will follow-up with Pastor Becky regarding format and content.

Deacons: Gary reported that a child's minor injury during last Sunday's Lesson and Fun brought up the issue that the existing First Aid Kits need replenished, and one more should be purchased. It was determined that this would fall under the Educational Building custodian's duties. Norm will follow up with Betty Hatfield this week.

Elders: Nothing to report at this time.

Trustees: The trustees will be posting a sign on the lift in the sanctuary entrance stating the 500 lb. weight limit and that power chairs should be lifted separately from their users. The wheelchair in the closet can be used to help accomplish this.

The new microphone purchased for Pastor Becky is working well.

New aluminum railings have been installed and two more will be installed soon.

The clock project is postponed until September.

The Educational Building kitchen sink supply line leaks and may need re-worked. Valves appear to be corroded and can't be turned off. Tom confirmed that the Building and Property fund is sufficient to cover that.

Rev. Strang's Report:

- Attendance at Saturday worship continues to grow (most likely due to air conditioning!)

- Adam Rhinehart, Jake Davidson and Taylor Haynes were presented with their God and Church pins on July 25.

- Faith Testimonies: Dee Schroer shared on August 7 and 8. My hope is to have a different person share monthly. I would like a volunteer from Church Council for either September 12 or 26.

- Hymn Sing Worships: August 28 & 29

- Homecoming Sunday: September 12

- Council Moments in September to assist nominating process: Sept. 12, Deacons; Sept. 19, Trustees; Sept. 26, Elders.

- December 4 and 5: Rev. Bob Molsberry, Ohio Conference Minister, as guest preacher.

- Prayer Chain: Email/Phone & Woven Prayers

- Called to Care—planning an all-church workshop for the fall

- Terri Goodwin Licensure/Lay Minister of Visitation.

- Pastor Porch Parties: Sundays 6-9 p.m., August 15, August 29. Bring lawn chair, side dish/salad or dessert. Attendance continues to grow at each Party. (Repeat parties welcome!)

- I'll be covering funerals and whatever pastoral care might be necessary for Rev. David Williams, First Church/New Knoxville from August 16 – September 10.

- Upcoming Time Away

- Friday, August 13—Taking Jimmy to college to begin marching band Season

- October 1-3—Parents' Weekend at Miami University

- December 27-31—family time

- Pastoral Care July 13-August 10, 2010

Wedding: 1

Funerals: 1

Hospital Visits: 15

Home Visits: 19

Nursing Home Visits: 12

Notes Written: 12

Phone Calls: 9

- Pastoral Summary-Year One:

Comma Deliveries: 6

Weddings: 7

Funerals: 16

Hospital Visits: 123

Nursing Home Visits: 120

Office Visits: 19

Notes Written: 42

Phone Calls: 114

Home Communion: 10

Baptisms: 11

(These numbers do not include Confirmation classes taught, Bible studies, God and Church Scout classes led, weekly worship/sermons, workshops led and attended.)

Katie Jackson's Report:

- Katie attended confirmation camp. Three St. Paul youths also attended and had a good time.

- Bible Studies have been going well, although they are not highly attended.

- The End of Summer Jr. High Youth party was enjoyable and attended by 12 kids.

- The Summer Heat Show is organized and Katie has help from students and parents arranged. According to feedback on Facebook, 60 people are planning to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- Wish List: No updates

- Staff Policy/Contract Revisions: One review still remains to be done.

- Constitution Revisions: The revision of the constitution has been completed and will be brought to the September council meeting for its approval before presenting for a final congregational vote in a special meeting on October 10.

- Summer Adult Leadership Training (SALT): No updates

- Computers for Computer Lab: Jim Strang submitted a suggestion that he is able to get donated computers that he can re-furbish to produce at least four working computers. Norm made a motion to accept the refurbished computers to get the computer lab for the youth up and running. Gary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cancer Society—Additional Offering—BJ Hansbrough: A letter was read requesting the congregation take up an offering to donate to the Cancer Association of Auglaize County to help people through the traumas of cancer treatments. Lori Likens made a motion that we take up a second offering on September 12. A note will be put in the bulletins and announcements will be made August 22, 29, and September 5. Pastor Becky will also ask BJ to speak about the CAAC. Greg seconded the motion and the motion carried.

•Serendipity Nursery School Contract Renewal: Ann Kuhn's contract with St. Paul for Serendipity Nursery School was discussed. It was noted that this will be the 40th year that the nursery school has used the St. Paul Educational Building as its home. Norm Holcomb made a motion to renew the contract with no changes. Brice Schmitmeyer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

•Nominating Committee: August is the month to set up a four-member Nominating Committee to elect new council members for the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee will consist of the 2011 Senior Elder, Lori Likens, Head Deacon, Brice Schmitmeyer, Senior Trustee, Larry Kuhn, and Council President, Jeff Paul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: September 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
September Meditation: Cheryl Barlage

ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Barlage made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Terri Goodwin. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lisa Davidson, Secretary Pro-Tem

Lisa Davidson, Vice 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 |
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| 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 |
| New dossal (altar) curtain | \$1500 |
| New main (front) entrance doors-sanctuary | ?? |
| Upgrade computers only (no monitors), computer room | ?? |
| Air conditioners (similar to chapel units) for pastor and youth director offices | ?? |