

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
Church Board Meeting **December 13, 2010**

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

- Board Chairman:** Ed Jones (2011 Board Chair – Robb Piper)
- Nurture Commission:** Terry Gindlesperger, Kurt Roberts (2011 Members – Amy Swick, Tammy Horner)
- Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta, Roger Swick (2011 Members – Kevin Reighard, Jeff Horner)
- Witness Commission:** Kris Kozuch, Patty Toth, Jessie Rager, Elisha Balog
- Music & Worship Commission:** Michael Rager, Marsha Smith
- Deacon Representative:** Cindy Gossard
- Christian Education Directors:** Michael and Jessie Rager
- Pastor:** Phil King
- Church Clerk:** Diana Mikolic
- Other:** none

Ed Jones called the meeting and Pastor Phil opened with devotions.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October Board meeting. Barry Natta made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessie Rager. **Motion Carried**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee/Board Chair: Ed thanked all the Commissions for their help during the past three years. It was brought up at the Congregational Business Meeting and also the Board Meeting that we're going to amend the Constitution. That will include incorporating changes to the gift discernment. It's now temporary and we're going to make it a permanent part of the Constitution. We'll also look at making other amendments such as how the Board Chair is elected. We'll also look for the original amendment that gave the Stewards authorization to spend a certain dollar amount. We'll then get that written into the Constitution. There had also been some discussion that the Music and Worship may look at their description in the Constitution and see what's involved and if that needs revised. The members of the Committee to amend the Constitution will be myself, Debby Rager, Pastor Phil, Mike Rager and Jay Carney. I have offered to Chair the Committee but will let the sub-committee decide on the Chair. Without having talked with them, I hope to get the first draft before the Board in March and get any comments incorporated for April's Board meeting. Then have a final draft to take to the Congregational Business Meeting in April and give everyone a chance to comment but not necessarily vote on it then but give everyone until the next Business Meeting when the vote can be taken. There haven't been any executive meetings since the last Board Meeting.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger reported. We're just wrapping up the standard Christmas projects. The Christmas card project will be coming to a close soon. The donations to the Scarf and Mitten Tree will be taken to the Cambria City Mission. People at the Mission are always very appreciative of the items donated. The Church may be expanding its ministry to include midweek small groups ministry. There will be more details to come. There is also the thought of beginning a scouting program at the Church. Discussion was held on the need for such a program at the Church.

Witness Commission: Kris Kozuch reported. The Commission is still searching for someone to serve as a UPJ campus ministry board member. If anyone would like to serve as a member or knows of someone who would serve, please speak to any member of the Commission. Work is continuing on gifts for shut-ins. The New Day gift wrapping event went well on the 11th. Pleasant Hill Church was in charge this year. Please contact a Commission member if you know of someone who is a shut-in and needs a visit or if someone in the congregation has a need.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. The roof replacement is complete. There are two copies of the warranty for the roof. One of them will be placed in the Church safe. Other projects include repairing the toilet in the men's restroom and fixing the floor in that room. The fans in the sanctuary still need to be replaced. Barry advised of a problem with a valve in the kitchen. He will check the problem but may need to call a plumber for a permanent repair. Barry will talk to Rick Rhodes about plowing this winter and set up compensation for the work. Entrance ways to the Church will be checked for accessibility. Also, Mike asked for more outlets in the Computer Room

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. Thirty five poinsettias will be delivered on Saturday. They will be taken home on Sunday. I'm not sure when the Christmas decorations will be taken down. Abbey Shaffer spoke on the 28th and was compensated. The outside nativity will be taken down on January 2nd.

Approval of Reports: Patty Toth made a motion to approve reports, Cindy Gossard seconded. **Motion Carried**

Deacon Report: Cindy Gossard reported. The Deacons met at Camp Harmony for their annual Christmas party. Next year's deacon Chairs are Charles and Marsha Smith. Terry and Bonnie Bouch volunteered to be Co-Chairs for the coming year. There has not yet been a secretary named. New Year's Eve will be the next Bread and Cup Communion Service.

Treasurers Report: Pete was not present. Everyone received and reviewed a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

Disaster Relief, Brethren Home, Camp Harmony, Brethren Benefit Trust, Vision Task Team: No report.

Renewal Team: Pastor Phil advised that there has been some talk in the Church concerning small group Bible studies and small discussion groups. The Renewal Team has been pushing for that so I've been discussing the idea with Nurture. You'll be hearing about that as time goes on. I have materials that can be reviewed. Would someone make a motion affirming that we move ahead with the small group idea. Terry made a motion affirming the direction of implementing small group meetings. Seconded by Marsha Smith.

Motion Carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

Phillip A. King

November 2010

Pastoral Calls

Hospital/Nursing Home	11
Homes	9
Funeral Home	1
School/Work	
Office visit	3

Total 24

Staff meetings	1	
Committee meetings	2	
8 AM Worship	3	
Sunday School	3	
10:30 Worship		3
Evening Bible Study	3	
Anointings	3	
Home Communion	1	

Vacation Days: Nov. 23 – Nov. 29

Activities:

At Fire Hall for Election Day 11/2, Pastor's Book Study 11/3, Renewal Team meeting 12/4, attended District Auction 12/6, District Hearing on Human Sexuality 11/7, Pastor's Book study 11/10, CCLI audit report 11/12, attended Fire Company spaghetti dinner 11/13, District Core Team meeting 11/15, meeting with District Youth Director 11/16, meeting with District Executive 11/16, prepare Disciplines Folder 11/18, District Leadership Team at Somerset CoB 11/26, attended Hanging of the Greens 11/28, Class of All Seasons meeting 11/30

I have been working on the Christmas Eve Candlelight services. I encourage all to attend all the events of the Christmas season here at Pleasant Hill. I am working on plans for Home Bible studies/Small Groups to be part of the ministry here at Pleasant Hill beginning 2011. Keep Judy in your prayers.

Assoc. /Youth Pastor, Board Meeting Report 10-25-10 to 12-13-10

Hospital/Anointing – 5

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 16

In Office Visits – 8

Home Visits – 7

8:00 Services – 7

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) – 7

10:30 Services – 7

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) -3,+ cookie baking

Youth CBYF Meetings -4+ Hanging of the Greens, roller skating, cookie baking

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – every week

Special Youth Events – 6-Youth Service project, Calendars and Card sales, Hanging of the Greens Service, Cookie Baking/tray sales, Roller Skating, C.S. Lewis movie Narnia Series

Pastor's Meetings – 6- Pastor

Preached/Spoke – JCS Chapel Service. Helped in Church Service while Phil was away.

Since Oct. 10th, I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School Classes, CBYF Meetings, Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Studies unless we had a youth event to prepare for.

I held many organizational meetings for the 2010 – 2011 Youth Events, meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events. I have spent a lot of time and energy on the upcoming youth and church events such as Cindy Roberts youth service project, covering for Phil while he was on vacation, calendars and card sales, Hanging of the Greens Service, cookie baking, roller skating, Narnia movie and all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly Youth meetings. I am teaching 5 days a week as per the last 3 years at Johnstown Christian School (1st period Bible and Home Room teacher).

On Wednesday night's small group meeting, I am teaching on Witnessing and we have been using that night to bake cookies also. At CBYF Sunday night, we are meeting with the Jr. High grades 6-8 from 4-6 pm teaching some foundations of Prayer, Worship, Bible Study and then Sr. High grade 9 -12 from 7-9 pm teaching on a series from Focus on the Family the "Truth Project". For Sunday School, we are going through the book of Romans. We had a very successful Youth Service project where we finished a roof and did lawn work. We sold 50 calendars and 25 packs of cards. We made \$225 and sold about 80 trays of cookies and made about \$1000. I am planning next year's Youth events. Snow tubing, Camp Harmony Jr. High Winter Camp in January, Sweetheart Meal and YMCA Sr. High lockin, Camp Harmony. Sr. High Winter Camp in February, Jr. High Acquire the Fire in Pittsburgh. In the Spring, Creation Fest 2011 and have a Senior High Missions trip set for July 17 – 23, 2011. With permission from the Stewards Commission, I removed and am in the process of repairing the old water fountain in the hallway.

I am asking for the remainder of my vacation days for this year to be taken from December 23 – January 3, unless I am needed for Phil and Judy's and the Churches sake, I will be available to come in, pending Board approval.

Approval of Motion for Vacation for Pastor Russ: Patty Toth made a motion approving vacation time for Pastor Russ from December 23 – January 3, 2011. Seconded by Tammy Horner. **Motion Carried**

Christian Education Report

Mike and Jessie Rager

December 13, 2010

Worship services – 9

Office – 8

Sunday School:

The children just finished a unit that discussed the story of Joseph and how God uses what we may perceive as “bad” things to cause good things to happen. The rest of the Sundays in December will consist of an extra practice for the children’s Christmas program and a birthday party for Jesus.

I have received positive feedback about letters sent to children in the rotation model about the upcoming units and I will continue to send those out for each unit.

I have ordered three more units for use in the rotation model. The next unit will discuss the Lord’s Prayer and how children should pray. This unit will begin in the new year.

Children’s Church:

Children’s Church will begin again after the New Year. We have two more helpers for the 8:00 service after one other stepped down. We can continue to use more volunteers. We will be continuing with the same curriculum. We’ll continue to limit the youth helpers to 2 for each service. We want to make sure youth are either helping with children’s church or in the sanctuary and not in other rooms of the church.

Other:

I have networked seven of the computers in the computer room to all the computers in the church. This allows internet access on eight computers in the computer room now, plus the ability to print to the color printer in that room and the main printer/copier in the secretary’s office. I foresee the possibly of having three to four more computers added to the room; however, we may need to look into the idea of adding additional power outlets to that room.

I have a concern with children having inconsistent attendance for Sunday School. I have noticed some children attend when their parents are at the church for the Sunday School hour, but miss whenever their parents do not have to be. I am hoping to find a way to encourage parents to attend Sunday School on a regular basis in order to ensure their children are also attending Sunday School. I would like to hear feedback on this dilemma.

Our family will be on vacation the first week of January and we will miss church and Sunday School on January 2nd.

Approval of Reports: Barry made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Marsha. **Motion Carried**

Other: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: Terry Gindlesperger complimented new Commission members. Re-organization of Commissions will take place at January’s meeting.

Pastor Phil closed the meeting with prayer, meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk