

**Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting
Monday, January 31, 2011**

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 15 persons in attendance. Linda Reininger, Church Moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with devotions and prayer.

Minutes: Linda Reininger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Congregational Business Meeting. Barry Natta made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Pete Smith. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Agenda: Linda Reininger asked to have the agenda approved. Barry Natta made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Marsha Smith **Motion Carried**

Old Business: None.

Executive Committee: Robb Piper reported. The Commissions have elected Chairpersons. There wasn't a lot of change. The Commissions and Chairs are as follows: Executive Board – Chair Robb Piper, Vice Chair John Plunkard; Nurture – Chair Heather Smith, Vice Chair Kurt Roberts, Secretary Amy Swick; Witness – Chair Kris Kozuch, Vice Chair Jessie Rager, Secretary Patty Toth; Stewards – Chair Barry Natta, Vice Chair John Plunkard, Secretary Gloria Rager; Music & Worship – Chair Cassie Jones, Vice Chair Mike Rager
We'll need to do some elections tonight. Dick Oaks and Bonnie Bouch are going off the Nominating/Gift Discernment Committee and we don't have any nominees to replace them yet. We have two Deacons that need to be acted on tonight. Mike and Jessie Rager and Rick and Lori Rhodes. There is an active committee (Ed Jones, Pastor Phil, Debbie Rager, Jay Carney and Mike Rager) who are working to review and re-write the Constitution. They will answer to the Board of Directors. Their information will be brought to the congregation at the Business Meetings. Ed Jones reviewed some of the action the Committee is taking, hopefully that progress will be reported at the next Board Meeting and then presented at the next Congregational Business Meeting. Discussion was held on various topics the revision will address. Charles Smith suggested the revised Constitution be very specific on ownership of Pleasant Hill Church and property.

Nurture Commission: Heather Smith reported. One bag of mittens and scarves was donated to the Cambria City Mission. Money from the Christmas Card Project was split between Camp Harmony and New Day. Plans for the Easter season are underway.

Youth: Pastor Russ will give the Youth report when he gives his report.

Witness Commission: No Witness report.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. Marlene Cameron will no longer be scheduling events at the grove. Stewards will be looking for someone to fill that position. Robb had asked about having an energy audit done, Barry agreed that would be a good idea and has been looking into it. It would help us to prioritize improvement projects and maybe save energy and some money. Pete Smith gave Barry a list of recent heating oil deliveries and the costs are quite expensive. Barry noted that upcoming work would include replacing the flooring and toilet in the men's restroom and replacing the fans in the sanctuary. Hopefully a couple of work days can be planned soon and a lot of the work can be completed.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. Last Christmas season started out with the Hanging of the Greens Service on November 28th. It was well attended compared with past years. We had 35 poinsettias on Christmas. The Christmas decorations and outdoor display were taken down on January 8th. Sandy Tiffany is joining us on the Music and Worship Commission. We do not have a secretary yet. Daffodil Sunday of Hope will be on March 20th. We need all the orders for that in by February 13th. Ash Wednesday is March 9th. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service. Easter is on April 24. The Commission has also been asked to reevaluate our part of the Constitution. We don't really have much of a description of what we're supposed to do compared to the other Commissions. If anyone has any concerns or feedback on how worship services are held at Pleasant Hill, please contact Cassie Jones or any other member of the Commission. Also, we're still working on the details for the giant cross that will be displayed in the front of the Church during the Lenten Season.

Approval of Reports: Marsha Smith made a motion to approve reports; Jay Carney seconded the motion, **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Charles Smith reported. Deacons met on December 4 at Camp Harmony for the quarterly meeting and Christmas party. Seventy five people attended the New Year's Eve Communion Service. The Spring Love Feast and Communion will be held on Thursday, April 21st. A Last Supper dramatization will be held at that service. The Deacons are looking forward to this addition; it hasn't been done for many years. The Deacon Board does not have a secretary at this time. Deacons up for renewal are: Rick and Lori Rhodes, Mike and Jessie Rager.

Treasurer Report: Pete Smith made copies of the report available to everyone and discussed the report.

***Discussion was held on the Building Improvement Fund and it was noted how helpful that fund had been in paying for the recently installed roof. The Congregation is encouraged to continue to contribute to the Fund and build up the reserve. This can be done by marking "Building Improvement Fund" on the donation envelope.*

Living Memorial Trust Fund: A prepared report was provided.

Vision Task Team, Disaster Relief, Brethren Home, BBT – No Reports. It was noted that Louis White is our representative for the Disaster Relief Team. Heather noted that the Brethren Home is celebrating its 90th anniversary. There will be a celebration event held; exact date and time will be announced.

Renewal Team: Marsha Smith reported that there will be a meeting at Carol Harrison's on February 24 at 7 pm. If anyone would like to join us, you are welcome to attend. Information from the last meeting will be in the upcoming newsletter. Articles are being put in the newsletter encouraging people to use the spiritual disciplines which are tools to bring us closer to God. The real work of spiritual renewal has to be done by the individual. As individuals choose to be spiritually concerned that will show up in the Congregation body.

Camp Harmony: Discussion was held about renovations on the cabins. Discussion was also held on liaisons for Camp Harmony.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Phillip A. King

10/25/10 – 1/31/11

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	73		
Homes	22		
Funeral Homes	3		
Jail	1		
Office	5	Total	104
Staff meetings	3		
Committee meetings	5		
Board Meetings	2		
Commission meetings	8		
Business Meeting	1		
8 AM Worship	13		
Sunday School	12		
10:30 Am Worship	12		
Evening Worship/Bible	10		
Anointing	4		
Funerals	2	Donald Lonsinger	11/27/10
Communion	1		
Home Communion	2		
Vacation Days November 23 – 29 (7 days)			

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter: June Berg, Galen & Ethel Carney, Jim & Marian Covalt, Bob & Anna Craft, Ernie & Lois Johns, Jerry & Judy Rhodes, Mabel Rose, Jeanie Snyder, Mildred Rager, Gladys Kovach, Sara Oaks, Fred & Rhoda Bouch.

Activities for this Quarter: CoB Ministers meeting 10/26, Prepare Disciplines Folder 10/28, 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. meeting of new Chaplain at Conemaugh hospital 12/2, Deacon Christmas meeting 12/4, Licensing service for Dan Ishman at Center Hill 12/5, Church Christmas letter 12/7, West End Clergy 12/14, Community Newsletter 12/15, Bulk mail 12/16, participated in Children's Christmas Program 12/17, Candlelight services 6 PM & 8 PM 12/24, Ron Beachley visit 12/26, prepare Disciplines Folder 12/28, CoB ministers meeting 12/28, New Year's Eve communion 12/31, Hymn sing at Resurrection Church 1/2, preach at Atrium Manor 1/6, West End Clergy 1/11, Celebrate One Committee 1/15, preached at Laurel View Village 1/16, Pastor Book discussion 1/19, pray at Food Pantry 1/20, CoB ministers meeting 1/25

Associate /Youth Pastor Russ Peruso 10-25-10 to 1-31-11

Hospital / Anointing – 11

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 26

In Office Visits – 11

Home Visits - 9

8:00 services – 12

10:30 services -- 13

Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching) – 7 + cookie baking, 1 canceled due to weather

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 12

Sr. High Youth CBYF Meetings – 9

Jr. High Youth CBYF Meetings - 9

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – weekly & once a month with parents

Special Youth Events – 11 = Youth Service Project, Calendar/Cards, Cookie Tray Baking & Sales, Hanging of the Greens, Roller Skating, CS Lewis Movie, Christmas Caroling, Emmanuel Youth Service, Youth at Camp Monday nights, Winter Jam, Snow Tubing

Pastor's Meetings – 10

Preached/ Taught/ Helped At – Hanging of the Greens, JCS Chapel, Christmas Eve (sang) , Jan 2, 10:30 service, all youth group meetings unless needed elsewhere.

Since Oct. 25, 2010, I have prepared for and taught at our normal Sunday School Classes, Sr. High and Jr. High CBYF Meetings, Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Studies unless we had a youth event to prepare for.

I held weekly organizational meeting and monthly parent meetings for the 2011 Youth Events, 9 regular meetings for the Jr. high and Sr. High, 2 fund raisers, 30 teachings, not including my 4 times a week lesson plans and teachings at Johnstown Christian School for 7th grade Bible, and 11 special youth events. I have spent a lot of time and energy on the upcoming youth and church events for 2011. The youth and I had a very successful youth service project. We finished a roof and did lawn work at Cindy Roberts house as a youth service project, Covered for Phil while he was on vacation or when he was needed elsewhere, Calendars and Card sales, Hanging of the Greens service, Cookie Baking, Roller Skating, Narnia movie, went Christmas Caroling on the hill, attended a special youth service at Emmanuel Baptist, went to Winter Jam Concerts, Snow Tubing and played indoor soccer on Monday night at Camp Harmony and all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly youth meetings. I am teaching 5 day 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 meetings I am teaching on Psalms 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 4-6pm teaching some foundations of Prayer, Worship, Bible Study and then Sr. High grade 9-12 from 7-9pm teach on a series from Focus on the Family the "Truth Project". For Sunday School we are going through the book of Romans. We sold 50 calendars and 25 packs of cards, we made \$225 and sold about 80 trays and made about \$1000. This weekend is Feb.4-5Camp Harmony Jr. High winter camp, Sr. High winter camp is Feb. 25-26. We have the Souper Bowl Collection and a Supper Bowl Party in the youth room as well as the Sweetheart Meal. In March is YMCA Jr. High / Sr. High lockin, Jr. High "Acquire the Fire" in Pitts. in the spring, Creation Fest 2011or Kings Fest and have a senior High Missions trip set for July 17—23, 2011

With permission from the Stewards Commission I removed the old water fountain from the hallway and am in the process of repairing the wall.

Christian Education Report

January 31, 2011

Mike and Jessie Rager

Worship services – 13

Office – 12

Sunday School: The children finished their Joseph unit at the end of last year. The new Sunday School unit began January 9. It discusses the Lord's Prayer and gives a guideline for how to pray. Students use the acronym P.I.T.A. to remember to Praise, say I'm Sorry, Thank, and Ask whenever they pray.

I sent letters to children in the rotation model about the upcoming units.

The next unit will begin with the first Sunday in March. It will go up until Easter Sunday when we will have a special lesson for that Sunday. Afterward, there is one more unit that has already been ordered from the company we have currently been using. I have been hearing positive comments about this company's lessons and believe we will continue to work with them more.

Children's Church: Children's Church had been postponed at the 10:30 service during the Christmas season while children worked on their programs. After the New Year, Children's Church resumed during both services. We have 4 volunteers at 8:00 and 5 for 10:30. There is one youth scheduled to help at each one and that youth has the choice of one more to help. The current lesson sequence includes ideas for a story, craft, snack, and game from which the teachers are free to choose.

Other: I have networked seven of the computers in the computer classroom. This allows internet access on eight computers in that room, plus the ability for all computers to print to the color printer in that room or the main printer/copier in the secretary's office.

A bulletin board was hung in the nursery for Mary's use and another large one was hung in the hallway next to the other one. This additional bulletin board will be used by the preschool class to display what they have been doing. Some of the children have expressed interest in playing the bells again. I will be looking into doing that.

Approval of Reports: Pete Smith made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Ed Jones. **Motion Carried.**

New Business: Slate for Nominating/Gift Committee. No one nominated, will continue the search for prospects. Two delegates will be selected for Annual Conference at Grand Rapids, MI. Three delegates may attend if enough are interested. This conference is a very important conference. Advertisement for volunteers will be posted.

Mike Rager volunteered to attend District Conference at Camp Harmony. Ed Jones made a motion to select Mike as representative at District Conference, seconded by Pastor Phil. **Motion Carried**

Pastor Phil made a motion to renew Deacons Rick and Lori Rhodes for another five year term, seconded by Ed Jones. **Motion Carried**

Motion was also made by Pastor Phil and seconded by Ed Jones to install Mike and Jessie Rager now that they have completed their year's probation. They will serve a five year term. **Motion Carried**

Linda Reininger closed with prayer, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk