

## **Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting - Monday, July 26, 2010**

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 29 persons in attendance. Linda Reininger, Church Moderator, called the meeting to order and began the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Minutes:** Linda Reininger asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April's Congregational Business Meeting. Pete Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Tracy Rhodes Motion Carried

**Old Business:** None.

**Executive Committee:** Ed Jones reported that one meeting had been held. Mike and Jessie Rager were hired as Christian Education Directors.

**Nurture Commission:** Since Heather Smith has a conflict with meetings held on Monday evening and classes she is taking, Terry Gindlesperger will be reporting for the remainder of the year. Terry reported that Mike and Jessie Rager have been hired as Christian Education Directors. The following Sunday School classes will be rearranged: 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be in with the Jr. High Class, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be combined. Six high school graduates and one college graduate were recognized on Graduation Sunday. VBS will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. There will be a Sunday School teachers meeting held soon.

**Youth:** None

**Witness Commission:** Kris Goldberg reported that the Blood Drive will be held on August 7, in conjunction with VBS. Volunteers are needed to help in the canteen, as walkers and greeters. The goal is 40 donors with 30 good units. The West End Food Pantry can drive will be held during VBS. The idea of sending postcards to residents in the 15906 zip code is still being researched and the Commission is still trying to find a way to get names and addresses for that zip code. The project for purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds for new babies in the Church is going well. Elisha Balog was welcomed as the new member on the Witness Commission. Kris commented on how great the Church website looks. The Commission will help fund mission trips.

**Stewards Commission:** Barry Natta reported. The Commission is still getting prices and ideas for replacing the roofs. These will be presented to the Church when ready to review. A work day has been scheduled for July 31 at 8 am. The list of projects includes a new front door at the parsonage. It will probably be a larger door (42"). Install a storm door in the Youth room at the parsonage, a new awning over the porch at the Church, work in the nursery, bell choir room fan light, floor tile in the restrooms upstairs. The City police have been patrolling the parking lot and grove and no new problems have been found. Discussion was held about the elevator after a concern was voiced about the difficulty older and disabled people are having with the steps into the Church. Several solutions were offered. It was decided to have someone available to operate the elevator for anyone who wishes to use it. This will be advertised in the bulletin.

**Music & Worship Commission:** Mike Rager reported that flowers had been purchased for Mother's Day, donuts for Father's Day. The service for Memorial Day went well. A keyboard has been purchased for use during services. Mike will be looking at ways to record Church services to the internet. A license will be needed to broadcast the songs used. We're hoping to hold the 8 am service outside on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. August 8 is the Sunday School picnic. Marsha Smith will be taking over as Chair and reporting for the Commission since Mike is now Christian Education Director.

**Approval of Reports:** Mike Rager made a motion to approve reports; John Plunkard seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Deacon Report:** Cindy Gossard reported. The Communion Service held on July 18 was well attended. Three deacon couples attended workshops at Annual Conference. The next deacon meeting will be held in September.

**Treasurer Report:** Pete Smith made copies of the report available to everyone. He reported an improvement in finances this quarter.

**Camp Harmony:** Jimmy Cameron reported. The “52 God Bless You” fund raiser has raised about \$13,000 to \$14,000 so far. \$109,000 is still owed at Camp Harmony. Approximately 500 kids have used Camp this summer. Volunteer days are Tuesday and Thursday for anyone who can help with repairs, etc. A hog roast will be held Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Camp has good management, a good board of directors and good volunteers. Camp is a great place to be, we love the Lord and we love our camp. \$40,000 is needed to pay the summer and regular staff. Sometimes the staff cannot work because there is no money to pay them. Please keep Camp in your prayers.

**Vision Task Team, Disaster Relief, Brethren Home, BBT – No Reports.**

**PASTOR’S REPORT 4/27/10 – 7/26/10 Phillip A. King Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren**

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	40		
Homes	24		
Funeral Homes		1	
Jail	1		
Office	9		Total 75
Staff meetings	4		
Committee meetings	6		
Board Meetings	1		
Commission meetings	4		
Business Meeting	1		
8 AM Worship	11		
Sunday School	11		
10:30 Am Worship	11		
Evening Worship/Bible	1	West End Hymn Sing	
Anointing	5		
Parent/Child Consecration	1	Bryn Alaina Hyland	5/9/10
Funerals	2	Belva Rager	7/6/10
Communion	1		
Home Communion	2		
Weddings	5	Graham/Horner	5/15/10
		Ryan/Deyarmin	5/22/10
		Watroba/Swope	5/29/10
		McKlveen	6/12/10 at Cambria City Mission
		Smith/Saylor	6/12/10

Pat Carr, Erin Carr, Cameron Carr received in by confession of faith 7/6/10

Vacation Days June 22 – 28 (7 days)

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter: Mildred Rager, Elsie Matula, Jeanie Snyder, Margie Cameron, Gladys Kovach, Mabel Rose

Activities for this Quarter: Participated in Community Yard Sale 5/1, Unity Praise Choir practice 5/1, attend morning worship at Westmont CoB 5/2, Participated in the Public Scripture Reading 5/4, Pastor’s Discussion Group (“What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty”) 5/5,12,19,26, Sang in the Choir at Celebrate One 5/6, Pastor Parish Ministry Team meeting 5/7, attended Lee Weaver funeral 5/8, Fire Company Spaghetti Supper 5/8, preach at Presbyterian Home 5/9, West End Clergy 5/11, serve Mother/Daughter Banquet 5/11, Pastor Peer lunch 5/12, invocation at Conservation District banquet 5/12, preach at Atrium Manor 5/13, Nerone Sentencing Cambria County Courthouse 5/13, Celebrate One Steering Committee 5/15, attended Youth Sunday worship here 5/16, Election Day lunch at Fire Hall 5/18, pray at Food Pantry 5/20, speak at Bethany Men’s Breakfast 5/22, conduct Licensing Service for Nathan Crissman at Berkey CoB 5/23, CoB Ministers meeting Windber CoB 5/23, Men’s Quartet 5/26, Jeannie Snyder’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Singer Hill church 5/30, Deacon Meeting 6/1, CoB Chicken BBQ 6/5, Alethia class meeting 6/5, Installation of Barry and Gail Miller as deacons 6/6, Graduation Sunday 6/6, Sing at West End Hymn Sing 6/6, JOY club meeting 6/8, Renewal Team meeting 6/9, Pastor’s supper 6/14, Pastor & Parish Team meeting 6/15, All Seasons class meeting 6/15, Ordination interview 6/19, Shaulis memorial service 6/20, speak at the Atrium 7/1, participated with PAC Camp worship at Pleasant Hill 7/2, Natta Graduation party 7/10, Licensing service for Paul Hamilton at Locust Grove

7/11, Community Newsletter 7/15, Celebrate One Steering Committee 7/17, Summer Communion 7/18, met with Ron Beachley 7/21, Pastor Peer luncheon 7/21; Vacation Bible School is August 2 through 6 for grades preschool through six. Please pray and volunteer and give. The Blood Drive is Saturday, August 7 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The Vacation Bible School program is Sunday morning, August 8. The Schedule for Sunday, August 8 is as follows...

9:00 AM – breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 AM – rolling power point presentation of the Bible School  
10:00 AM – Program in the sanctuary  
12:45 AM – Summer Picnic begins in the Grove

I have agreed to be the resource leader for Family Camp this year for August 11, 12, and 13. This will take me away from Pleasant Hill on Sunday Morning, August 13. I did not realize that this task would include Sunday and I needed to make quick plans for my absence. I hope all here will understand and support me in this endeavor. I have asked Mike Swick will speak in my absence as Russ is on vacation during that time period. Sincerely in Christ, Phillip A. King, Pastor

Associate / Youth Pastor Business Meeting Report 4-26-10 to 7-26-10

Hospital / Anointing – 7

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 32

In Office Visits – 16

Home Visits - 8

8:00 services – 8

10:30 services -- 10

Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching) – 10

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 10

Youth CBYF Meetings – 9

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 12

Special Youth Events – 3 = National Youth Sunday, Car Wash, Creation Fest 2010

Pastor's Meetings – 6

Preached/ Taught At – I helped in 1 service, helped in a funeral, preached 2 Sundays both services, all youth group meetings unless needed elsewhere.

Since April 26, 2010, 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 12 organizational meetings for the 2010 Youth Events, regular meetings, fund raisers, teachings, and special events. I was worship leader for Noah Martin when he spoke on April 25 and preached on May 2 and June 27 and helped in the funeral of Belva Rager on July 6. I have spent a lot of time and energy on the upcoming youth and church events such as Missions trip, Creation Fest 2010, not to mention all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly youth meetings. I am teaching on "Hearing the Voice of God" and sharing your personal testimony at Wednesday night's small group meetings. At CBYF Sunday night we have been praying and discussing Creation Fest and the mission trip, most of all what can God do in us and through us by attending these events.

For Sunday School we are going through Great Talks Outlines lessons and the book of Romans.

At our Youth Car Wash on June 26<sup>th</sup> we made \$355.00. My staff and I took 62 youth and 10 staff to Creation Fest 2010 on June 29 to July 4 and as you see from my absence we are on our Senior High Mission Trip from July 26-31. 10 Senior High youth and 2 advisors from our church will meet up with 5 youth and 5 advisors from Emanuel Baptist Church. We will be going to Mission Discovery in Westmoreland, Tn. Our advisors are: Pastor Russ, Cassie Jones, our youth are: Maria Carnevali, Kristen MacEwan, Lexi Jones, Taylor Davis, Meghan Mock, Jocelyn Lonsinger, Taylor Harrison, Garrett Harrison, Zack Toth, Uriah Peruso. We will be ministering to the community of Westmoreland by helping rebuild a flood house, a desert storm vet home, putting in a wheel chair ramp for an elderly couple and what ever else the Lord has planned for us. Please take time to pray for us as we serve the Lord in this capacity, our utmost for His highest!

**Christian Education Report**

**July 12, 2010**

**Mike and Jessie Rager**

Worship services – 2

Office – 1

**Sunday School**

The new unit began on July 11, 2010 and will discuss the story of the Good Samaritan. Office time was spent preparing the opening activities for this unit. This current unit will take 12 weeks to finish. During that time, we

will be reviewing new material to see if we want to try a new set of materials and we will work with teachers to discuss any changes to the current format that may need to be used. We will try to use the bulletin board in the hallway to display work from Sunday School to share what the children have learned.

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is going as usual and there are no problems at this time.

### **Other**

We have attached the anchor cord for the nursery cabinet to the wall. We have moved the extension cord for the air conditioner from the floor. We have also been planning to help with Vacation Bible School. We volunteered for Early Childhood care during Annual Conference in Pittsburgh on July 5, 6, and 7 for a total of 15+ hours.

**Approval of Reports:** Patty Toth made a motion to approve reports, seconded by Darlene Thomas. **Motion Carried.**

**New Business:** Reports from Annual Conference.

Bonnie Bouch explained numbers 1 and 2 of the business items that were addressed at conference. Terry Bouch explained numbers 3, 4 and 5. The following five new business items were voted on and passed at Annual Conference.:

1. Query – Appointment of committee to review the operations of annual conference to determine if there should be changes made to the structure putting more emphasis on spirituality and less on business or should it remain the same.
2. Query – Appointment of committee to determine the need for implementation of guidelines for congregational ethics, (currently there are guideline ethics for Pastors, there may be a need for guideline ethics for congregations.)
3. Appeal of program and arrangements for annual conference was passed with the understanding that Standing Committee will develop a policy of how to address appeals which will be different from the process followed in making judicatory decisions.
4. Resolution against Torture – Paper passed stating the Church of the Brethren's stand against torture.
5. Bylaws Revision – Changes made to current bylaws – (mainly grammar changes, title changes where necessary, and language changes to address current practices.)

The old business item that will be addressed in 2011 refers to the Same Sex Resolution. No action was taken at the 2010 conference. We were informed that meetings will be held between December, 2010 and Feb. 2011 in each district to get input from all members regarding this issue.

Also a Haitian minister spoke and gave thanks for all of the help the Church of the Brethren has given his people. In 2003 the first Church of the Brethren began in Haiti, today there are 15 fellowships in operation. To date, the Church of the Brethren has given over 1.1 million dollars to help rebuild Haiti. It is their hope to continue building the church and develop training for Haiti ministers. One day they hope to be able to aid other nations instead of always receiving aid. Terry also reported a 2% cost of living raise for pastors. 786 delegates attended the Conference, with a total attendance of 3321.

Donna Smith reported that she and Pete attended insight sessions. She discussed the one-call system prayers chain, elder care and how to minister to children who have experienced disasters. Everyone enjoyed attending Annual Conference.

**Re-licensing for Russell Peruso and Terry Gindlesperger:** Ed Jones reported that the Executive Committee had met last month and voted to approve license renewal for another year for both Russ and Terry. Pete Smith made a motion to approve the renewals, Ed Jones seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**New Day:** Tracy Rhodes reported and thanked everyone for their support. Pleasant Hill CoB is the biggest contributor to New Day. God has been answering prayers at New Day and has provided staff and housing for that staff. Tracy asked if the Church would consider additional funding.

Linda Reininger closed with prayer, meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk