

**Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting
Monday October 25, 2010**

The Congregational Business Meeting took place in the chapel with 24 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 approval of the minutes of July's Congregational Business Meeting. **Minutes Approved by show of hands.**

Approval of Agenda: Linda Reininger asked to have the agenda approved. Pastor Phil asked that an additional item be added under New Business. He suggested having a carry-in dinner for families and children before the evening Children's Christmas program. **Corrected agenda was approved by show of hands.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee: Ed Jones thanked everyone for their help the past three years as he served as Board Chair. This is his last meeting in that capacity. He also discussed the possibility of forming a committee to update the Constitution because the current version does not set the term for Board Chair as well as some other items which are not clearly addressed. The project would include rewriting as needed to include addendums and clarify unclear language of the present Constitution. It may have been 1996 since the last major update was done. Ed volunteered to head a sub-committee to do the work and said that Debbie Rager had agreed to help. Ed Jones made a motion to redo the Constitution, seconded by Terry Gindlesperger. **Motion Carried.** If anyone would like to be part of the committee, please let Ed know. Ed also advised that because there was not a quorum at the last Board Meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to take the 2011 budget to the congregational meeting for approval. There was no other business.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger reported. The new Sunday School rotation model has begun with classes K-3rd, 4th & 5th grades are now in one class, and the 6th graders have moved up with the Jr. High Class. The Sr. High Class remained unchanged. Plans for Christmas are progressing. Plans for The Hanging of the Greens and the Children's Christmas program are underway. The Christmas card project will benefit Camp Harmony. The Mitten Tree project has been renamed The Scarf/Mitten Tree. Kurt Roberts is providing a new storage box for the Christmas tree.

Youth: Zach Toth reported that the Youth have been busy through the summer.. They had an outing at Yellow Creek to welcome new members. There are three Youth group meetings each week. 6th through 8th grades meet on Sunday from 4 to 6 pm, 9th through 12th grades from 7 to 9 pm on Sunday. All groups meet together on Wednesday from 6 through 8 pm. Sixteen youth attended the last blast of summer at Del Grosso Park and enjoyed a free concert. They went to a corn maze then spent the night at Camp Harmony and attended a worship service the next afternoon. Eight of the youth served 150 trays at the Family Kitchen. Six youth went to FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) for a Fields of Faith at Conemaugh Township at their gym. The annual fall fundraiser selling calendars, cards and cookies has started. On July 26, ten youth and two advisers travelled to Westmoreland, TN on a mission trip. While there, they worked on a roof at a military veteran's home and helped build a deck for a lady. The girls groomed a dog that belonged to the veteran and cleaned its pen. It was a fun experience for all and a time of growing in Christ.

Witness Commission: Kris Kozuch reported that Judy Rhodes resigned from the Commission due to family issues. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Judy will continue to send cards for the Commission until someone can be found to fill her position. We contributed to the Family soup kitchen where the Youth served. Kris discussed the UPJ Campus Ministry. There is a line item in Witness budget for the Ministry. Pastor Jim Gay spoke with the Commission at the last Board Meeting. We would like to become more involved in the UPJ Ministry and would like someone from the congregation to consider becoming a member of UPJ's Campus Ministry Board. If anyone is interested, please contact a member of the Witness Commission. Ninety-one Gifts of the Heart Kits were delivered to District Conference. The U.S. Savings Bond outreach for the babies of the Church is going well. Work is in progress on Christmas gifts for shut-ins, widows and widowers . If anyone has gift ideas, or if anyone knows anyone who needs a visit, please let the Commission know. Kris discussed the mission trip to Puerto Rico on January 15-22, 2011. There are still a few seats available. The need for men with building skills would be especially helpful. The cost of the trip is \$800. The Commission would help cover some of that cost. Please see Kris or one of the members if you are able to help. Please pray about the campus ministry and what you might do to help.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported that the Stewards have been very busy. Work is currently underway on having the roof replaced. The contractor is doing a great job. During the work, it was discovered that some of the seams on the flat roof over the vestibule are coming apart. That roof had not been included in the original bid for the roof. The contractor gave Barry a bid of \$2,280 to replace that roof. The Stewards decided to have that work done. Prices are still being gathered for replacement of the side awning. Every year it leaks down into the basement. Hopefully that roof can also be taken care of before it snows. The wheel chair lift will be delivered on October 26, 2010.

Barry hopes to have it installed and working by that evening. Repair of the ceiling fans in the sanctuary is still on the list of upcoming projects. The floor in the upstairs ladies restroom is complete and hopefully the floor in the men's restroom will be done soon. John Plunkard has gathered information on purchasing electric for the Church after the deregulation goes into effect next year. With the plan, the increase may only be 10% instead of 35% or 40%. This is only available for bigger buildings and businesses. Ginny Babel advised of a problem with the freezer at the grove. Discussion was held on trying to get a replacement. No decision was made other than we could look for a used one. Discussion was also held on the possibility of renting a portable toilet during next year's picnic. Barry advised that might be possible and he will check prices closer to the time of the picnic.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. Pastor Appreciation Sunday was held on October 10. \$50 gift certificates for the Christian Book Store were given to Pastor Phil and Pastor Russ. Yesterday was Music Appreciation Sunday. Thirty six \$10 Sheetz cards were given to the music team. A new wireless microphone will be purchased for \$360. We will be setting up Christmas decorations on November 27th at 9:00 am. November 28 is the Hanging of the Greens service. Twenty Advent devotional booklets were purchased for resale. Poinsettias will be ordered. The cost will be \$14 each.

Approval of Reports: Pastor Russ made a motion to approve reports, Darlene Thomas seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

Deacon Report: Cindy Gossard reported. The deacons met on September 7 for the regular quarterly meeting. On September 27, they baked bread for communion. October 3 was Communion Sunday. The attendance was very low with 48 attending in the afternoon and 65-68 attending the evening service. The Christmas deacon meeting will be held on December 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm at Camp Harmony.

Treasurer Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were available for review.

Living Memorial Trust Fund: Report was available for review.

Disaster Relief: No Report

Camp Harmony: Ginny Babel is now a member of the Camp Harmony Board. Pastor Phil reported. District Conference was held at Camp Harmony. Camp did an excellent job of hosting the Conference. The highlight of the afternoon was discussion on the possible plan for churches in the District to adopt a cabin and provide the money to have the cabin renovated and made handicap accessible. There was a large amount of money raised the day of the Conference to help with a cabin. There are 25 cabins that need done. Linda Reinger also added information on the needs of Camp Harmony. She advised that it would cost between \$8,000 - \$12,000 for each cabin renovation. Camp Harmony will be open year around.

Vision/Renewal Team: Marsha Smith reported. There was a meeting held last month at Camp Harmony which was one of the best yet. Hopefully there will be another held soon.

Brethren Home, BBT – No Reports.

PASTOR'S REPORT **Phillip A. King** **7/26/10 – 10/25/10**

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

Pastoral Calls:

Hospital/Nursing Home	51	
Homes	24	
Funeral Homes	1	
Office	7	Total 82
Staff meetings	3	
Committee meetings	5	
Board Meetings		
Commission meetings	4	
Business Meeting	1	
8 AM Worship	12	
Sunday School	12	
10:30 Am Worship	12	
Evening Bible Study	2	
Anointing	6	

Parent/Child Consecration	2	Delaney Rose McKendree	7/22/10
		Caitlyn Ann McKendree	7/22/10
Funeral	0		
Communion	2		
Weddings	2	Miller/Craven	
		Kozuch/Goldberg	10/9/10
Baptisms	2	Noah Smith, Ahlia Harchik	
Choir practice	4		

Quartet practice 3

Brian Smith, Jennifer Smith, Bailey Smith, Ed Houghton, Sally Houghton received in by letter 10/3/10

Shut-ins Visited this Quarter: Katty Miller, Norma McDowell, Bob & Anna Craft, Aggie Mae Harrison, Galen & Ethel Carney, Sara Oaks

Activities for this Quarter: Pastors Book Discussion 7/28, helped at Stewards Work Day 7/31, Men's Quartet practice 7/31, Taught 3&4 Grade VBS 8/2,3,4,5,6, VBS Luncheon with students 8/6, District Leadership Team 8/6, helped at Blood Drive 8/7, VBS Sunday Morning combined service 8/8, Summer Picnic 8/8, Interviews for Licensed Ministers 8/11 & 8/13, resource leader at Family Camp at Camp Harmony 8/12,13,14, Cernic Picnic 8/19, attended Sunday School teacher meeting (Rotation) 8/22, Pastor Book discussion group 8/25, District Core Leadership Team 8/31, Prayer service at Atrium Manor 9/2, Deacon meeting 9/7, District Leadership Team 9/11, Host West End Hymn Sing 9/12, West End Clergy 9/14, We Care Team 9/15, Heritage Day 9/18, class meeting – All Seasons 9/21, met with Jim Gay (Campus Pastor UPJ) 9/23, moderate Morrellville CoB business meeting 9/27, CoB Ministers 9/28, prepare registration for Conference 9/28, Pastor peer meeting 9/30, Baptism service 10/3, Bread & Cup 10/3, Love Feast 10/3, JOY Club trip to Bedford 10/5, Pastors Book Discussion 10/6, Deacon Workshop planning with Donna Kline 10/6, West End Clergy 10/12, Pastors Book Discussion 10/13, pray at West End Food Pantry 10/14, prepare mileage reports 10/14, attended Fire Company Auxiliary meeting 10/19, prepared Christmas Candlelight service 10/20, We Care Team administration work 10/22, delegate to District Conference 10/23

I am serving as the facilitator for the eight Bible Study/Discussions that are taking place across the denomination at the request of Standing Committee. This study was designed to help us participate in a "Special Response Process for Highly Controversial Subjects" and to prepare us for two papers to be a part of Annual Conference next year which are

- A Statement of Confession and Commitment
- Query: Language on Same Sex Covenantal Relationships

I have joined a Pastors Book Discussion group which is helping me stay sharp mentally and spiritually and keeping me up-to-date on issues affecting today's church. We are presently studying Church without Walls, by Peterson, a study of the church in post-modern culture.

We are in the middle of Springs of Living Water – Spiritual Disciplines and I am finding this study helpful and challenging. I encourage you to engage in this endeavor. Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas will soon be upon us and may it be a time of blessing and spiritual growth.

Judy's medical issues continue to be of great concern and we appreciate the prayers, concerns, cards, visits, phone calls, and help that many of you have provided. A special thanks to the Stewards in regards to the soon-to-be installed wheelchair lift in at the door from the kitchen to the garage at the parsonage.

I have one week yet of vacation and I am requesting November 23 to November 29.

Sincerely in Christ, Phillip A. King, Pastor

Associate/Youth Pastor Business Meeting Report 7-26-10 to 10-25-10

Hospital/Anointing – 10

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 23

In Office Visits – 8

Home Visits – 9

8:00 services – 12

10:30 services – 13

Youth Bible Studies Small Group (Teaching) – 12

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) – 11

Sr. High Youth CBYF Meetings - 11

Jr. High Youth CBYF Meetings –

Youth Organizational/Planning Meetings – 7

Special Youth Events – 10 = Missions trip, Yellow Creek Park, Missions Trip Reunion, “Last Blast of Summer” at Del Grosso Park, Corn Maze, Sleep over with Low Elements, Remix at Camp Harmony, Family Kitchen, Fellowship Of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith meeting, Calendar/Cards/Cookie Sales

Pastor’s Meetings – 8

Preached/Taught/Helped At – I helped in Love Feast service, in a funeral (Justin Martincic), 2 Baptisms, Fall Conference at The Gathering Church, all youth group meetings unless needed elsewhere.

Since July 26, 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 7 organizational meetings for the 2010 Youth Events, 11 regular meetings, 2 fund raisers, 34 teachings, not including my 4 times a week lesson plans and teachings at Johnstown Christian School for 7th grade Bible, and 10 special youth events. I was worship leader for a Fall Conference August 18 at my old church and helped in the funeral of Justin Martincic on August 19. I baptized 2 youth on October 3rd Noah Smith and Ahlia Hartchik. I have spent a lot of time and energy on fall line up of: a youth service project, Hanging of the Greens service, Cookie Baking, not to mention all the other normal weekly preparing for the now 4 weekly youth meetings. I am teaching on Hearing the Voice of God and the importance of sharing your personal testimony at Wednesday night’s small group meetings. At Jr. High CBYF Sunday night we (about 10 youth) have been studying how Worship to God affects all areas of life, Sr. High we (about 10-18 youth) are doing the Truth Project from Focus on the Family. For Sunday School we (about 10 youth) are slowly doing a Chapter study of the book of Romans. I organized and participated in all the above mentioned Youth events and activities.

Christian Education Report Mike and Jessie Rager October 11, 2010

Worship services – 4

Office – 6

Sunday School: The Good Samaritan unit just finished last Sunday, but we will be reviewing what it means to be a “good neighbor” by completing a service project this week before starting the next unit. The service project will be making health kits and school kits that will be sent to district conference.

The next unit begins October 24 and will tell the story of Joseph. I have adapted the unit to include a “story” rotation, so we will have 7 total units. Afterward, I have scheduled a “Celebration Sunday.” Depending on how the unit goes, the children may be performing what they have learned for an audience, for either part of the Sunday School hour or the whole time. Right now, I’m not sure how this will work.

I have used the bulletin board to promote the next unit and will follow up with letters sent home to children eligible for the rotation model. I am still working on setting up the rooms for the new units.

Children’s Church: Children’s Church during the 10:30 service is now on hold while the students prepare for the Christmas program. I am recycling old lessons for the 8:00 service in an attempt to get both services on the same lesson when the Christmas program is over and Children’s Church begins again at the 10:30 service. Right now, we are limiting the youth workers at each service to two, with one scheduled for each week and that person choosing who they want as the second helper.

Other: Jessie, Pastor Phil, and I met with Mary Cairns (nursery worker) on October 3. We wanted to discuss the problems with her starting after 8:00 when she was supposed to begin at 7:45. Her problem comes from not having enough time to get from one job to another. We feel that we will work to cover her until 8:00 and she can start at that time. She has been doing a wonderful job and we do not want to lose her.

[*Side note: It was our fault that Mary was not informed of the date of evening communion (October 3) early enough to reschedule her shift from her other job, and she was therefore unable to make it. If we give her advance notice of the dates, she will be able to cover in the future.*]

I would like to have another bulletin board placed next to the big one in the hallway. This one will be used for the preschool class. I would also like to have a smaller bulletin board for the nursery.

Jess and I will be attending District Conference as delegates from Pleasant Hill on October 23.

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

New Business:

Budget for 2011: Attendees reviewed proposed budget. Pastor Phil had a question about line item 1095 under Witness Commission (West End Community Center) It was explained that John Mangus (Morrellville CoB) is starting a community center for young people. Mike Rager noted that a line item for Gifts was missing from the Music and

Worship Commission. Pete Smith was contacted by phone. Line item 2640 for \$450 will be added to the Music and Worship budget. This will bring the total expenses to \$287,679. Motion to accept the corrected budget was made by Cindy Gossard, seconded by Jessie Rager. **Motion Carried.**

Slate presented by Nominating/Gift Discernment Commission: Slate presented by Nominating/Gift Discernment Committee was made available to attendees. Motion to vote by a show of hands was made by Russ Peruso, seconded by Darlene Thomas. **With a unanimous show of hands, new Board members were approved.**

Report from District Conference Delegates: Ed Jones reported that the Conference was good. The personnel at camp had done a nice job of facilitating the conference. Camp Harmony has lowered its debt. There are more campers using the facility. The ongoing mission project in Honduras is doing well.

Linda reported on various items at District Conference. Bonnie Bouch asked that the newly elected Board members be notified by letter that they were approved. A list of responsibilities of the Commissions will also be included with the letter.

Idea for Christmas: Pastor Phil discussed the feasibility of having a carry-in supper for parents and children before the evening Christmas program. It was decided that parents would be asked their opinion and a consensus taken on the idea. Discussion was also held on the length of the program. No decisions were made.

Linda Reininger closed with prayer, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk