

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

The Board met with the following people in attendance:

Board Chairman: Ed Jones
Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger, Sally Allison, Kurt Roberts
Stewards Commission: Barry Natta, John Plunkard, Gloria Rager, Roger Swick
Witness Commission: Kris Goldberg, Patty Toth, Jessie Rager
Music & Worship Commission: Michael Rager, Marsha Smith
Deacon Representative: Pete Smith
Christian Education Directors: Michael and Jessie Rager
Associate Pastor/Youth Director: Russ Peruso
Church Clerk: Diana Mikolic
Other: none

Ed Jones called the meeting and Pastor Russ opened with prayer.

Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July board meeting. There is one correction to the minutes. "Registration volunteers, walkers and canteen workers are still needed for the blood drive" (instead of the picnic). Barry Natta made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, seconded by Mike Rager. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business: None

Executive Committee/Board Chair: Ed reported. No meetings held in August. Just a note, at the end of New Business we're going to add an agenda item to talk about the Board Chair position and how it relates to the Constitution. The Nomination Committee had a question and we want to get an answer back to them on the position. We'll discuss that at the end of new business.

Nurture Commission: Terry Gindlesperger reported. The Sunday School is switching over. The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School classes will meet together. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will meet together, and the 9th thru 12th graders will meet together. There are 8 – 12 kids in the Sr. High group. Charlie Smith has resigned as Sunday School teacher with regret. Jim Metzger will begin teaching the 4th and 5th grade class with Greg Blue. The teaching arrangements will be pretty close to what they've been in the past. We'll have something more definite next month. Plans are underway for Christmas.

Witness Commission: Kris Goldberg reported. Judy Rhodes has regretfully resigned from the Commission for family issues. The Commission has begun collecting "Gift of the Heart" kits to take to District Conference. There is a list in the Newsletter and on the bulletin board. Jessie would like the kits delivered to her office. The Puerto Rican mission trip will take place January 15-20. We would like to encourage anyone who would like to go on this trip to contact us. Funds are available to help with a portion of the costs. Registration needs to be received by October 15, along with a \$100 deposit. We do have a line item in the budget for UPJ campus ministries and we continue to want to support that ministry. Pastor made a suggestion that we might want to get more involved and find out what they do; we may bring them in as a speaker. Cassie Jones is on the leadership team for that ministry. The Commission has begun working on ideas for Christmas gifts for widows, widowers and shut-ins. If anyone has an idea for someone they would like us to visit, please let us know.

Stewards Commission: Barry Natta reported. Four bids were received for a new Church roof. One was \$107,000, another \$39,000, and \$85,000. George Beckett and Sons has been contracted to install a new roof on the Church. The cost is \$45,500 and the roof carries a lifetime warranty. Labor is warranted for 15 years. Mission brown was the color chosen at the recommendation of the contractor. The roof will be done in October. Everything that currently has shingles will be replaced. Barry made a motion to have the roof replaced by George Beckett and Sons, seconded by Mike Rager. **Motion Carried.** Pastor Russ advised of a leak in the Youth Room. Barry will take care of the problem. Discussion was held about a crowding problem in the Believers Sunday School classroom. Barry made a motion that the Believers Class remove the wall between the bell choir room and the Pastor's Class classroom creating a larger room for the Believers Classroom. Motion seconded by Jessie. **Motion Carried.** Bell Choir and Pastor Phil's Class will meet in the library. The Believers Class will do all the work on the

project. Kris asked if there had been an increase in the usage of the elevator. Barry advised that it was still not being used. Barry also advised that work on the grove will be put off until next summer. Russ asked if the roof at the grove is still leaking. A patch has been put on that roof. Barry and John discussed the option of installing either a wheelchair ramp or a temporary wheelchair lift in the parsonage garage.

Music & Worship Commission: Mike Rager reported. October 24th is Music Appreciation Day. Gifts will be given to music providers. \$134 was earned at the dunking booth at the Summer Picnic. The money was given to Camp Harmony and New Day. The booth will be stored for the winter (possibly a project for the Sr. Youth Group) The booth also needs to be painted on the inside before it is used again.

Approval of Reports: Gloria Rager made a motion to approve reports, John Plunkard seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Deacon Report: Pete Smith reported. They are getting ready for Communion Services. The next meeting will be held on December 4 at Camp Harmony. Six additional baptismal robes were purchased, making a total of 12 new robes.

Treasurers Report: Everyone received a copy of the treasurer’s report. Pete asked everyone to get their budgets ready for next year. He asked for careful evaluation of each item to make sure it is needed. Pete also asked that the commissions let him know if there will be any big expenditures so that he can keep his budget more accurate. Gifts and special needs will be a line item for both the Nurture and Music & Worship Commissions.

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

PASTOR’S REPORT Phillip A. King August 2010

Pastoral Calls		
Hospital/Nursing Home	11	
Homes	5	
Funeral Home	1	
School/Work		
Office	3	Total 20
Staff meetings	1	
Committee meetings	3	
8 AM Worship	3	
Sunday School	2	
10:30 Worship	3	
Sunday Morning VBS	1	
Anointings	3	

Activities:

Taught 3&4 Grade VBS 8/2,3,4,5,6, 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

A significant amount of my work and energy went into Vacation Bible School this month and that included the VBS program during a combined worship service on Sunday, August 8, followed by the Summer Picnic in the Church Grove. I was the resource person of Family Camp the weekend of August 12, 13, 14 and found that to be an enjoyment and a challenge. I finished a series of messages on the Psalms and will begin one on the Spiritual Disciplines beginning the first Sunday in September. Pastor’s Class has begun and there are three members: Ahlia Harchick, Jessica Gardner, and Noah Smith. Baptism is planned for the morning services on October 3, 2010. Communion will be during the evening service on that same Sunday (World Communion Sunday).

Assoc. /Youth Pastor, Board Meeting Report 7-26-10 to 9-13-10

Hospital / Anointing – 5

Pastoral Biblical Advising Sessions – 14

In Office Visits – 5

Home Visits – 4.

8:00 services – 6

Youth Sunday Schools (Teaching) - 7

10:30 services - 7

Wednesday Youth Small Group (Teaching) – 7

Youth CBYF Meetings – 6

Youth Organizational / Planning Meetings – 5

Special Youth Events – 4- Mission Trip, Yellow Creek State Park, Mission Trip Reunion, DelGrosso's Park

Pastor's Meetings – 5- Pastor

Preached/ Spoke –

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 5 organizational meetings for the 2010 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 Missions trip, Yellow Creek Park Youth Welcoming, Missions Trip Reunion Party, Youth at DelGross's Park and all the other normal weekly preparing for the 3 weekly youth meetings. I have started teaching 5 days a week as per the last 3 years at Johnstown Christian School (1st period Bible and Home Room teacher)

I am teaching on Witnessing at Wednesday night's small group meetings. At CBYF Sunday night we just started 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 had a very successful mission's trip in which we hope to share about with the church. We are looking at doing some mission projects locally before winter. Planning on attending Remix at Camp and doing the corn maze in Jerome. We are planning on doing the Calendars, Greeting Card and Christmas Card fund raisers Oct. to the Hanging of the Greens service. We will also be baking Cookie Trays again.

Christian Education Report

September 13, 2010

Mike and Jessie Rager

Worship services – 8

Office – 6

Sunday School: The new unit is discussing the story of the Good Samaritan. This current unit will take 12 weeks to finish. We had a teachers' meeting to discuss trying new material. We will be trying a curriculum from a new company starting October 17 and will run for 7 weeks. I am adapting the units to include an extra "story" Sunday to fill out one of the rotations. When the unit is complete, we will have time to discuss the Christmas story for several Sundays around Christmas to give us time for another teachers' meeting to decide if we should stick with the new curriculum. I have been posting the children's work from Sunday School on the bulletin board to share what they have been learning. At least five computers were donated to the church and I hope to reorganize the computers into a computer lab with a printer and possibly internet access if it becomes necessary.

Children's Church: Children's Church is going to continue with the current curriculum. Some teachers feel more comfortable using their own projects, so I will be trying to assess which teachers need the church's material and coordinate it better so all lessons are used. It was decided that we want to limit the youth helpers to 2 for each service so that the children are not overwhelmed by so many youth and the youth can focus more on helping the children instead of socializing. We want to make sure youth scheduled to help are in children's church and not hanging out in the hallway when they should be at the service.

Other: Russ advised that Cassie will be helping him more with the Sunday School and wants to know if she needs to be approved as Sunday School teacher. Ed said that the final approvals will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

Correspondence: None

New Business: There are two issues with District Conference. One is that under the elected delegates, we have Butch Derr; the second item is under Music and Worship. Mike and Marsha were asked how they would like to handle the situation so that their Commission was covered. Mike will fill in for Butch and Marsha will cover for the Music and Worship Commission. Motion was made by Marsha for the change, seconded by Barry. **Motion Carried.** We need to approve the letters of transfer for Butch and Amelia for the Conemaugh Church of the Brethren. Barry made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Marsha. **Motion Carried.** Ed also asked that the budgets be prepared and turned into the Stewards. Ed was contacted by the Gift Discernment Team about a question pertaining to Board Chair. The Board Chair is not covered under all the same sections in our Constitution and Bylaws. For other positions, it states you cannot serve more than 2 consecutive three year terms. There is no term set up for Board Chair. Ed is stepping down as Board Chair at the end of this year. The Gift Discernment Team would like to tell whoever fills the position how long the term should last. Ed advised he would like to see the position as a three year term with not more than two consecutive terms. The Gift Discernment Team sets a slate of candidates and is responsible for choosing the Board Chair. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Barry to temporarily limit the next Board Chair to a three year term until this can be addressed at the Congregational Business Meeting. Mike seconded. **Motion Carried.** Ed will write up an amendment to the constitution to be presented at the Congregational Business Meeting. Mike Rager asked that the person who replaces Jerry Rhodes be given a three year term so there is only one turnover every year. Ed will let Bonnie Bouch know about the decision. Discussion was held on the picnic and provisions for the food.

Pastor Russ closed the meeting with prayer, meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Diana Mikolic, Church Clerk