

Consistory Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2008

**I. Call To Order / Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Connie Miller, President at 6:40 P.M. Candle was lit by Jim Rinehimer and prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. Those attending were Connie Miller, Hilbert Eigenbrod, Chris Dietrich, Barry Myers, Janice Broyan, Pastor Penny Dollar, Jim Rinehimer, Don Myers, and Nelson Horwath. Absent - Ron Rinehimer and Lynn Stewart

**II. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Mar. 27, 2008 meeting and brief meeting on Mar. 30, 2008 meeting were reviewed for approval. Motion to accept made by N. Horwath and seconded by D. Myers. Motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Handouts were provided for review on treasury report ending on March 31, 2008. Discussed CD that is coming due on 4-21-08 for the building fund. Also discussed how low interest rates are at this time. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by J. Broyan and seconded by B. Myers. Motion carried.

**IV. Old Business:**

1. Committees: We need to get many of the committees of the church up and going again. We discussed some of these committees and some possible people to help serve on these committees. Pastoral Relations: All former members will remain on committee who are Barb Deluca, Gary Eigenbrod, Cindy Heller and Jim Rinehimer will serve as consistory representative. New addition to committee will be Rosemary Myers. Stewardship: Connie Davis, Connie Miller and Lynn Stewart will serve on this committee. Will ask other members to serve and help. It will be important to begin new campaign, ASAP. Possible ideas for now would include 'Bring Back One Member To Church Sunday'; 'Bring A Friend To Church Sunday.' Missions: Currently this committee consists of Lynn Stewart, Dave Horensky, and Ellen Newell. Kitchen: Currently, Cindy Heller and Linda Jankowski take care of the coffee hours with others helping with the cleanup work. Worship: This will be a new committee and will be a help to Pastor Penny. This committee will help with hymns and songs that are familiar with the congregation as well as participating periodically with the Call To Worship or reading a scripture. Hilbert will ask Lois about helping with this committee. Chris Dietrich also volunteered to help. Would also like to ask former members of the Men and Women's Group about starting these groups again.
2. VBS: Plans are underway. We are the host church this year.
3. Sprucing Up Outside: Ron Rinehimer said that he will organize the Scouts as soon as the weather gets better. Jim said that he and Mary will plant geraniums right after Pentecost Sunday which will be the same week as the Chicken & Ham Dinner. Ron also said that mulch will be spread around the front after geraniums are planted. In addition, we need to have lines painted in the front parking and parking lot above the fellowship hall. Lines will be redone to provide larger parking spaces for the handicapped. Lines will be painted by Leo Caffrey (Lisa's husband) for around \$300.00. Motion made to accept the expense for the painting by N.

Horwath and seconded by B. Myers. Motion carried.

4. Building Fund CD: Hilbert will check on in a few days, then report his finding on new rate it will roll at.

5. Fellowship Hall Repairs & Painting: Connie will make announcement on Sunday for volunteers. If there are no volunteers then we will need to look for outside bids. Nelson has someone he could ask if we need to.

6. Ham & Chicken Dinner: This dinner is coming up fast. We need to ask for lots of help and put everyone who volunteers to work. We also need to get some new volunteers as well. Will need volunteers for Thurs. 5-15; Fri. 5-16; and Sat. 5-17. Breakdown of times will be in bulletin and newsletter.

7. Audit: Frank Partington and Cliff Readler are doing audit this year. Not finished yet, but are working on it.

8. Memorial Cross (in memory of Martha Myers): Connie discussed cross with the family. Will put gold cross in narthex area and take down wooden cross. Will store wooden cross and use at Easter.

#### **V. New Business:**

1. Pastor Penny's Move: Pastor Penny is moved in and somewhat settled. Her moving cost was \$2,424.00. Asked Pastor if there is anything else than could be done for her.

2. Congregation Members & Consistory Meetings: Meetings will continue to be closed and be held in the same manner as they are right now. It was explained that we as the church are an organization, not a government body like the school board or a township. The consistory also deals with very sensitive issues, and private issues dealing with a member of the church or someone outside the church. No major decisions are made without input from the congregation. Larger expenses or \$1500 or more are made known to the congregation to vote on with at least two weeks notice and letters are sent to all members of the congregation announcing a congregation meeting. If there are concerns or possible suggestion and ideas, please continue to see a consistory member.

3. New Computer for Pastor's Office: Denise and Pastor Penny both informed Connie that the computer in Pastor's office is totally out of date and needs to be replaced. New computer will come out of the building fund as a piece of equipment for the church. Asked Penny about her preference and would like to purchase a laptop if possible. Gave Pastor Penny permission to look for a price on a laptop or regular computer and get back to us as soon as possible. We will vote then.

4. Girl Scouts: Rhonda Madigan has asked for permission to use the Fellowship Hall for a Girl Scout sleepover on April 25 & 26. N. Horwath made motion to allow sleepover and was seconded by J. Broyan. Motion carried.

5. Pastor Penny's Mileage: Pastor Penny has asked that she can be allowed mileage from her home in Walden Park to wherever it is she is called to on off hours or to locations from her home. It is senseless to drive to the church to simply turn around and backtrack. She does maintain satellite office in her home (15 Old North Road Mountaintop, PA 18707). Motion made by J. Rinehimer and seconded by D. Myers to allow home residence as office to travel to meetings, hospitals, etc. instead of backtraveling. Motion carried.

6. "Come to the Well" Event: Pastor Penny is attending and would like at least one other person to go with her. The cost is \$12.00 per person and we will pay for this event. Pastor will ask to take one person with her.

**VI. Upcoming Events:**

1. April 17: VBS meeting
2. April 18 & 19: Youth Group event. Sleepover/Games/Potluck
3. April 26: "Come to the Well" event in Nazareth
4. April 27: Road cleanup after church ( Marc Davis)
5. May 4: Strengthen the Church Offering (Connie will discuss offering to congregation); communion
6. May 15, 16 & 17: Ham & Chicken Dinner weekend
7. May 25: Memorial Day weekend
8. May 31: Sunday School Yard & Bake Sale

**VII. Other:**

1. Abuse Policy: Pastor Penny explained policy. She will give a copy to Lisa Rinehimer for the Sunday School.
2. Pastor distributed brochures for "Penn Central Conference UCC presents A Time For Prayer & Healing" on May 23-25 at the Hartman Center Conference, Camp & Retreat Center in Milroy, PA. Will put brochures out in narthex if anyone is interested in joining her. She will be here for worship on May 25th.
3. Discussed coming up with our own church brochure for new members, and visitors.
4. Janice will order carnations for May 11th for Mothers.
5. 9:30 or 10:30 service: We have been doing 9:30 starting in June and for the summer months. Connie will discuss idea with congregation and ask for feedback.

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Thurs. May 15th following setup for Ham & Chicken Dinner

**IX. Adjournment:** Motion made by J. Rinehimer and seconded by B. Myers. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.