

Consistory Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2009

I. Call To Order/Roll Call: Meeting was opened by Janice Broyan, President, at 6:41 P.M. Candle was lit by Ron Rinehimer & prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. Those attending were Janice Broyan, Jim Rinehimer, Lynne Stewart, Don Myers, Hilbert Eigenbrod, Ron Rinehimer and Pastor Penny Dollar.

Absent: Chris Dietrich *Guest:* Allen Dennis

II. Secretary's Report: Minutes from Nov. 19, 2009 consistory & Dec. 13, 2009 congregational meetings were given to some members via email. The remaining members received a copy prior to meeting. Meetings were reviewed & a few names need to be added under Pastor's Time. Motion was made to accept & approve the minutes by L. Stewart & seconded by R. Rinehimer. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report: Handouts were provided for review on Treasury Report ending 11-30-09. Discussion over any questions asked on report. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report by R. Rinehimer & seconded by L. Stewart. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

1. **Fundraiser Ideas:** Allen Dennis spoke to consistory at the beginning of the meeting before Secretary's & Treasurer's Report about a possible fundraiser idea. St. Matthew's Church in Kunkletown, PA had a fundraiser in September from 1-6 P.M. in which he attended. At the fundraiser, a couple paid a ticket worth \$35.00 to attend. Food, refreshments, & entertainment were provided. There were multiple raffles ranging up to winning \$1000.00 & other prizes given out. St. Matthew's Church raised over \$6000.00 for this fundraiser. Allen mentioned this could be a possible fundraiser for consistory to consider. Discussion & questions asked. Will find out more information whether or not church needs a license & cost if needed. Allen will find out more information on fundraiser from St. Matthew's Church & see whether or not they had a license. Will discuss further in the near future.

2. **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Went very well. Good format for meeting with committee reports given first. Meeting lasted less than 15 minutes.

3. **PPL Electricity Concerns:** Electricity will be going up about 30% for 2010. Line item on 2010 budget shows a \$1100.00 increase compared to 2009 budget. Discussion whether or not to switch to a different company. Lynne discussed research conducted through her workplace on shopping different companies. Many companies give good deals for short term & then begin raising rates. Some companies require contracts that you stay with their company for a given amount of time. Decided to stay with PPL for now & continue to keep eyes & ears open for other ideas.

4. **Checks:** Janice explained that she received an email from Denise Dean, church and recording secretary. We are almost out of checks to be written for the General Fund. Debbie Price, treasurer, explained to Denise that she ordered checks for the General

Fund about three weeks ago. Debbie recently went to the bank explaining to them that she never received the blank checks. One of the employees looked around & found the reorder ticket which was never submitted. The bank would not give out temporary checks & would only issue cashier checks if Debbie comes to the bank with information she needs to write for bank to issue cashier's checks. The bank said that Debbie should hopefully receive the blank checks before Christmas.

V.New Business:

1. Cleaning Sidewalks: Discussion over making sure sidewalks are shoveled & salted for Sunday services in the event of snow or ice. Need volunteers to help when they notice sidewalks need to be shoveled or salted for events.

VI.Others:

1. Communion Setup: Jim said he will prepare elements for communion for Christmas Eve services & month of January.

VII.Pastor's Time:

1. Sherri Hoch's kidney transplant will be on Tuesday, December 22 at the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Her father, Stanley Stein will be giving his kidney to Sherri. Requests for prayer during this time.

2. Will be on vacation from December 31st until January 9th. Tina Kensinger will be available for pastoral care. Rev. Craig Stout from St. Peter's Church will be supply minister on January 3 which will also include Holy Communion.

VIII.Next Meeting: Thurs. Jan. 21, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. Motion To Adjourn: Motion was made by L. Stewart & seconded by J. Rinehimer. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:47 P.M.