

## Consistory Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2009

**I. Call To Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Lynne Stewart, Vice President at 6:30 P.M. Candle was lit and prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. Those attending were Lynne Stewart, Jim Rinehimer, Barry Myers, Don Myers, Chris Dietrich, Hilbert Eigenbrod, and Pastor Penny Dollar. *Absent:* Janice Broyan, Ron Rinehimer. *Guest:* Tina Kensinger

**II. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 28, 2009 meeting were given to some members via email. The remaining members received a copy. Minutes were reviewed & a few changes in wording were made. Motion was made to accept and approve minutes by B. Myers & seconded by C. Dietrich. Motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Handouts were provided for review on Treasury Report ending 5-31-09. Motion was made to accept information in Treasurer's Report by B. Myers & seconded by H. Eigenbrod. Motion carried.

### **IV. Old Business:**

1. General Fund Finances/Benevolence Offerings: This continues to be a major problem. Sunday offerings are falling short of weekly budget. Fundraisers help, but not enough to pay necessary bills & pay checks for both Pastor Penny & Denise Dean, church secretary. Pastor's Pension of \$1,889 needs to be paid by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Debbie Price, church treasurer, informed Denise that there was not enough to pay pension. Denise & Debbie informed Hilbert of situation as well. Discussed options including transferring Building Fund CD of about \$2,000 to General Fund and drawing from the General Fund Investment Account at Janney Montgomery. Decided to transfer Building Fund CD which came due on June 18<sup>th</sup> to General Fund for now. Additional balance of about \$433 would be accessible if needed which is in General Fund Money Market. Transfer was completed & if this did not happen, we would not be able to pay Pastor Penny & Denise. Benevolences have not been paid as of yet for this year. Benevolences include Bethany, Phoebe, & Lancaster. Discussed situation and major concern of members not worshipping at Emmanuel for several weeks at a time & not tithing to weekly offering. Pastor Penny asked for permission to start going out to other churches who do not currently have a minister & offer to come together as one church. We are one of the central churches. Motion was made by J. Rinehimer & seconded by L. Stewart to allow Pastor permission to reach out to those churches who do not have a minister & invite them to worship at Emmanuel. Motion carried. Also decided to wait on paying benevolences for now.

2. Hoagie Sale: Fri. evening at 6 P.M on June 26<sup>th</sup> & Sat. morning, June 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 A.M.

3. Yard Sale/Flea Market: Sat. July 25<sup>th</sup>. Lynne asked for people starting to help at 7 A.M. Will start preparing before this date. Lynne said she will be here for three Fridays before Flea Market to start sorting items. Suggestion made about asking people to bake items & bring prior to Flea Market to sell too. Chris D. said that he has already started advertising. Will also advertise Hazleton & Berwick areas as well as Mountaintop & Wapwallopen area. Debbie Price will have change & ones ready. Will ask people to start bringing items ahead of time & place them in fellowship hall.

4. Church Directory Progress: Denise, Pastor Penny, Connie Miller & Sharon Moyer will meet on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. to review materials and design directory.

5. Father's Day Gift: Lynne and Pastor picked up items to distribute to fathers in congregation on Father's Day. Youth group paid for Father's Day gifts. Heard lots of good comments.

**V. New Business:**

1. Attendance & Offering Stats: Discussed putting this back in bulletin or newsletter. Pastor showed consistory a concise, monthly-style report from another church. Discussed trying this out again & placing it in bulletin on first Sunday of every month & see what happens. Motion made by J. Rinehimer to start placing stats in bulletin & seconded by B. Myers. Motion carried.
2. Internship Of Tina Kensinger: Tina will be preaching on July 26<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Penny's supervision. This will part of her internship and will not be paid. However, discussed that if Tina or another minister needs to fill in for Pastor Penny in event of an emergency then usual reimbursement will be made for \$110.00. Motion made by C. Dietrich to approve supply minister fee and was seconded by H. Eigenbrod. Motion carried.
3. New Credit Card: Debbie and Denise both went to Citizen's Bank to get copies of application for a commercial account credit card. Concern about authorized officer being liable for any amount owed. Will ask Denise about her name being on application since she uses the card for charging for supplies in office.
4. Continuing Education: Pastor Penny is required to attend training for PNEC later this year in order to remain in good standing. Check to cover seminar has not yet been made. Will be paid in near future.
5. Boiler Inspection: On June 1, 2009, a representative from Hartford Steam Boiler was at Emmanuel. He looked at type of furnace we have and made notes for Lexington Insurance Company. He said that since Emmanuel has a furnace, but no boiler, there will not be a charge. Inspection was required by Lexington and could not be cancelled.

**VI. Pastor's Time:**

1. VBS was a "Roaring" success! Had lots of children and help from adults. Total expenses was about \$338.20 and income was about \$383.98. Remaining difference of \$45.78 went into Mission Offering for AJ Novitski. Total offering for AJ was \$271.75.
2. Confirmation Sunday: Heard lots of positive feedback.
3. Pastor has been making announcements about her cousin who has been very ill. Wanted to make consistory aware that when something happens, Pastor will be going and attending funeral. Pastor also read a quote to consistory: "Prayer does not use up artificial energy, doesn't burn up any fossil fuel, doesn't pollute. Neither does song, neither does love, neither does the dance."  
*Quote by Margaret Mead.*

**VII. Others:**

1. Lynne read a letter of resignation to the consistory by Caroline Cronce. Caroline expressed her thanks to the consistory and will continue to worship and help when she is able. Thanks to Caroline for her time on the consistory this year!

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Thurs. July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

**IX. Motion To Adjourn:** Motion was made by D. Myers & seconded by H. Eigenbrod. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

