

Consistory Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2009

I. Call To Order/Roll Call: Meeting was opened by Janice Broyan, President at 6:37 P.M. Candle was lit by Ron Rinehimer and prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. Those attending were Janice Broyan, Jim Rinehimer, Ron Rinehimer, Don Myers, Chris Dietrich, Hilbert Eigenbrod, Lynne Stewart and Pastor Penny Dollar. *Absent:* Barry Myers
Guests: Vince Kabacinski & Mike Lavin

II. Secretary's Report: Minutes from Sept. 17, 2009 meeting were given to some members via email. The remaining members received a copy prior to meeting. Minutes were reviewed and no additional changes were made. Motion was made to accept and approve the Sept. minutes by H. Eigenbrod and seconded by R. Rinehimer. 5-yes; 1-abstain. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report: Handouts were provided for review on Treasury Report ending 9-30-09. Discussion over any questions asked. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report by L. Stewart and seconded by J. Rinehimer. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

1. **Vision (Volunteers in Service In Our Neighborhoods, Inc.):** Vince Kabacinski & Mike Lavin spoke about this program at the beginning of the meeting before any other reports were discussed. This is a program that shelters individuals needing shelter. Vince discussed program including advantages, rules & regulations that these individuals follow. Discussed services & programs that they use for the participants. They help individuals find jobs and homes. Vince said that these individuals are responsible for all cleanups and promises to leave property as found or in better condition. The individuals are all men whose ages have ranged from 18 to 96 at one time. Vince was happy to tell us that he has been involved with this program for more than 25 years with an excellent reputation. Asked for Emmanuel to participate in this program and take in these individuals for the week of May 3-9, 2010. These individuals would arrive at Emmanuel around 6 P.M to eat and sleep. They will be picked up at the church and gone by 7:15 every morning. There are at least two workers who stay with these individuals all night. Pastor Penny had already spoken to neighboring churches who have also reached out to *Vision* including Christ Methodist, St. Jude's, St. Paul's. And St. Martin in the Field. All churches have described this as a wonderful experience. Motion made to promote this mission opportunity next May by R. Rinehimer and seconded by C. Dietrich. Motion carried.

2. **Benevolence Offering & Distributions:** OGHS offering of \$212.00 and \$500 for OCWM was sent out. No other benevolences have been paid yet due to difficult year. Discussion over what has come in for Easter offering. At that time, offering was low and lack of success over Ham & Chicken Dinner. Discussed whether or not to pay rest of benevolences. Decided that we voted on it in the budget for 2009 and benevolences need to be paid as soon as possible before the end of the year. It was also decided that no matter what comes in for Christmas & Easter offering need to be sent out immediately. Will need to take money out of General Fund money market account or Janney Montgomery Investment if necessary. Motion made by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Myers to pay the rest of benevolences and take out of accounts if necessary. 5 yes; 1 no. Motion carried.

3. **Blood Drive:** Pastor reported that twelve people were able to give blood. About nineteen people came to give. Thanks to all who helped in honor of Gene Broyan!

4. **New Accountant:** As discussed at last month's meeting, Connie Skirchak is no longer our accountant. On October 15th, Denise had taken tax information to Dan McCormick's office. Denise reviewed documents with his secretary, Sue Stair. Sue will mail all tax documents to Deb Price, Treasurer, well in advance of the due date. Suggestion to send a registered letter requesting penalty fee for Connie Skirchak to pay.

5. Hearing Devices: Pastor checked into some prices. Discussion. Tabled for now.
6. Pastor's Relations Committee & Budget Committee: Jim reported that Pastor Relations Committee met on Tues. Oct. 20th after choir practice. Discussed Pastor's proposed package for 2010. Will also go on proposed budget before Budget Committee. Budget Committee will meet on Nov. 8th or 15th after church. Consistory will have proposed budget for 2010 at November consistory meeting.
7. Turkey Dinner: Great success!! Served around 640 people. Auction profit around \$465.00. Profit from dinner has not yet been determined. Thanks to all who helped!!
8. New Consistory Members: Ron reported that Nelson Horwath & Beverly Kramer are interested so far for 2010. Ron will make announcement on Sunday about needing at least two more consistory members.
9. Secretary's Chair: Denise has purchased new chair for her office and is working nicely.

V.New Business:

1. St. Peter's Apple Dumplings: Will come & sell apple dumpling after church on Sunday.
2. Discussed circuit systems in kitchen & how they short out at various times including dinners.

VI. Others:

1. Communion Setup: Nov: Janice & Don Dec: Jim & Chris

VII.Pastor's Time:

1. Next vacation: Would like to split up days for personal use instead of taking an entire week. Agreed.
2. X-Mas Pageant: Great success last year on Christmas Eve. Would like to do it again this year.
3. Pastor Penny & Mary Martin are going to look at By-Laws at a future date.
4. Spiritual Council needs to be activated again. Spiritual Council involves Elders of consistory. Need to help in ways to get people back to worship at Emmanuel and distribute envelopes that have not been picked up at Emmanuel.
5. Big Celebration Dinner on Nov. 1 at Emmanuel after church to end Stewardship Campaign.
6. Thanksgiving Service: Wapwallopen Ministerium is not having a Thanksgiving Service this year. Pastor Penny spoke with ministers in Mountaintop area. Service will be at 7 P.M at St. Paul's in Mountaintop. Pastor Penny will be giving the message.

VIII.Next Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 19th at 6:30 P.M.

IX. Motion To Adjourn: Motion was made by J. Rinehimer and seconded by D.Myers. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:46 P.M.