

Consistory Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2010

I.Call To Order/Roll Call: Meeting was opened by Ron Rinehimer, President, at 6:38 P.M. Candle was lit by Ron Rinehimer and prayer was offered by Jim Rinehimer. Those attending were Ron Rinehimer, Cindy Heller, Jim Rinehimer, Pastor Penny Dollar, Chris Dietrich, Beverly Kramer, Don Myers, and Nelson Horwath. *Absent:* Meredith Martin & Paul Thomas. *Guest:* Allen Dennis

II.Guest – 300 Club Fundraiser – Allen Dennis: Allen and the consistory spoke about upcoming fundraiser on Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 12 to 6 P.M. Entertainment will be provided by Carl Alber (The Mudpond Boys) for \$300.00 & will play from 12:30–2:30 P.M. JT & Carol (DJ) will play from 3:00–6:00 P.M for a cost of \$150.00. JT & Carol will also include balloons and games for kids. The church would just need to purchase prizes for kids. Will look at tent rentals in case it rains. Allen had taken application to County Treasurer for license to be sent out. Still waiting for response. Once we have license, tickets can be printed with license # on tickets. Building & Missions Fund will be printed on ticket. \$35.00 a ticket for a couple. Each additional guest who does not want to bid on prizes will pay \$10.00 for food & entertainment. Denise was not aware of the date of fundraiser & approved hall rental for a baby shower on the same day. Will tell Denise to have hall date rescheduled for baby shower. More details & discussion at next consistory meeting.

III.Secretary's Report: Minutes from January 21, 2010 consistory meeting were given to some members via email. All members received a copy prior to meeting. Minutes were reviewed & one change was made. Motion was made to accept & approve January minutes by B. Kramer & seconded by N. Horwath. Motion carried.

IV.Treasurer's Report: Handouts were provided for review on Treasurer Report ending 1-31-10. According to report, General Fund Money Market Account was closed on Jan.29, 2010 & transferred to General Fund Operating Account. Amount transferred: \$2,648.11. No additional questions made on report. Motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report by C. Heller & seconded by D. Myers. Motion carried.

V.Old Business:

1. **Benevolence Offering:** The Christmas offerings (Bethany-\$150; Phoebe-\$150; & Lancaster Seminary-\$250) was sent. The OCWM offering of \$500.00 was not sent yet. Hope to send it out before the end of Feb. OGHS offering for Haiti collected through Jan. 31 (890.00) was mailed to PNEC with the Christmas offering. There is still a balance of \$72.00 from envelope offering and \$18.68 from Sunday School to be mailed out. OGHS offering still being collected.
2. **PPL Electric:** We will be going with Liberty Power for .090. PPL is going up around 10.5 cents. This one is around 9 cents so this should help. Will need to update yearly.
3. **Direct Deposit:** Discussion about using this for members to place offerings in direct deposit. Would be difficult to track. Will not do this at this time.
4. **Denise's Computer:** Ron worked on computer & was able to remove some programs to make computer a little faster. Still running very slowly. Ron would like to order 2 GB memory to install in computer to run faster for Denise so she can get more work accomplished. Memory

will cost about \$96.00. A motion was made by N. Horwath and seconded by D. Myers to make 2 GB memory purchase for computer. Motion carried.

5. Fellowship Hall Roof: Received 4 bids. Read each bid with details and cost. Four bids include: *Gallagher Construction*: Metal roof (\$14,250.00); Shingle roof (\$12,350.00)

Smallcomb Construction: shingle roof with 25 year warranty (\$12,518.22)

Steve Williams: shingle roof with 30 year warranty (\$8,985.00); lifetime warranty (\$10,625.00); will include 3 foot ice guard protection.

Jonathon D. Jachim: shingle roof with 35 year warranty (\$13,000.00)

Decided to go with Steve Williams for lifetime warranty of 10,625.00. Will see about possibly increasing ice guard protection. Ron will call our insurance & see if they will cover any cost of damage done to the roof. Ron will also call Steve Williams to accept proposal. Congregational meeting will be called to approve the replacement of the fellowship hall roof & the cost associated with proposal. Motion made by N. Horwath & seconded by J. Rinehimer to accept & approve proposal. Motion carried.

6. Cintas Inspection: Paul Thomas met with Cintas when they came for annual inspection of fire extinguishers on Tues. Jan. 26th. Needed to replace a couple of extinguishers. All went well.

7. Spiritual Council: Met twice so far. Decided members who would be getting letters and visits. Will meet again soon.

8. Finance Committee: Committee consists of Pastor Penny Dollar, Mary Martin, Ron Rinehimer & Frank Partington. Reviewed all accounts associated with Emmanuel UCC. Will be posted in bulletin for members to see starting Sun. Feb. 21st.

9. Audit Committee: Audit materials are almost ready. Will get them to Cliff Readler & Frank Partington in the first week of March.

10. By-Laws Committee: Recently met. Will meet again soon.

11. Ham & Chicken Dinner: Discussed the attendance & profits from the last 10 years.

2000: 488 tickets sold; \$2,553.03 profit 2001: 600 tickets sold; \$3,224.98 profit

2002: 570 tickets sold; \$2,957.23 profit 2003: 419 tickets sold; \$2,108.73 profit

2004: 495 tickets sold; \$2,375.46 profit 2005: 458 tickets sold; \$2,614.00 profit

2006: 451 tickets sold; \$2,502.65 profit 2007: 383 tickets sold; \$2,082.20 profit

2008: 378 tickets sold; \$2,114.96 profit 2009: 355 tickets sold; \$1,900.15 profit

Had suggestions to do Turkey Dinner. Used to have Turkey Dinners in the spring with success. Will go back to Turkey Dinner. Dinner will be Apr. 17, 2010 from 3-7 P.M.

12. Church Directory: Denise mailed package to Lifetouch on Feb. 12th. Will wait for them to send the draft copy. We can make changes to draft if needed & then send back. Many questions have been asked to when we will have new directory. Hope to have directory soon.

VI. New Business:

1. Church Building & Grounds Committee: Would like to have volunteers to help with items that need to be taken of in the church & on the grounds. Will post in bulletin for anyone interested to see a consistory member.

2. Wish List: Discussion about preparing a list of items needed for Emmanuel and post them for members to possibly donate. Beverly will keep list. Will post list in bulletin & newsletter.

3. PNEC: April 23, 2010 in Northampton. We need one adult & one youth to attend. Theme is "Thriving or Surviving Part 2." Will be a wonderful experience about learn new ideas to grow at Emmanuel.

4. Pavilion: Discussion about building a pavilion behind fellowship hall. Motion made by N. Horwath & seconded by C. Heller to pursue pavilion project. Motion carried.
5. Dinners: Don Eroh would someone to take over. Will train anyone who is interested. Will begin asking for volunteer on Sunday.
6. Website: Discussion about putting monthly minutes & budget on website. Yes on idea. Chris will take care of setting this up.
7. Consistory Email Address: Chris already set this up for Spiritual Council. Members can email questions or suggestions to consistory about putting an item on the agenda. All consistory members would receive this email. Ron would reply to these members. Will discuss further.
8. Consistory Job Descriptions: For new members, read over By-Laws if there are any questions or ask another consistory member.
9. Open Meetings: Discussion. Will continue to be closed and be handled in the same manner as they are right now. Please continue to see any consistory member with ideas, suggestions and concerns to be added to the agenda.
10. Offering Envelopes: Discussion of contents contained inside which include Initial offering; General Fund offerings; Building Fund offerings; Easter & Christmas offerings. Would like to change Easter & Christmas offerings to Easter Benevolence offering & Christmas Benevolence offering. Would also like to include Pastor Christmas Gift in envelopes to help defray cost from General Fund at end of the year.
11. Genesis Project: Received flier in the mail. Strategies for clergy and members to reduce their on energy impact on the environment and help lower costs. Would come to give a seminar to anyone who would like to learn more ways to go green and save money. Ideas would be for both at church and home. Wonderful idea. Would invite people from the community to come too. Idea about taking up a love offering for person conducting seminar who would be coming up from Allentown. Cost for person to come and give seminar would be \$50.00. Will see about setting up a date in May on a Wed. or Thurs. evening.
12. Communion Glasses: Jim brought up to consistory about going back to glass cups instead of plastic to help save money. Would continue to use plastic cups for holidays. Already spoke to those who wash glasses & they had no problems with going back to glass cups. Yes to glass.
13. VISION (Volunteers In Service In Our Neighborhoods, Inc.): Pastor discussed mission program to new consistory members. Information about the program is in October 2009 minutes. Mission program will be Mon. May 3rd to Sun. May 9th. They will come for dinner and sleep in the fellowship hall. Will get list out for volunteers to make a meal.

VII. Pastor's Time:

1. Attended St. Francis Retreat Center in Easton on Feb. 2nd to 4th.
2. PNEC Youth Retreat Feb. 19th to 21st: Pastor will be leaving Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday. The youth attending with Pastor include Allison & Kim Bernetski; Sarah, Jess, & Josh Kensinger. The cost is \$95.00 a person and will be taken from Carol Hoffman UCC Fund.
3. Weber Memorial Lectures: Pastor will be attending lecture on Friday, Mar. 12 from 9:30-2:30 P.M at the Moravian Seminary. The cost is free and Brian McLaren will be the guest speaker.
4. Ash Wednesday & following services: Service on Wed. Feb. 17th. 23 came for supper & 37

attended service. Supper will be held at 6 P.M for the next 5 Wednesdays and on Thurs. Apr. 1st.

5. Good Friday Service: April 2nd from 12 – 1:30 P.M at Emmanuel. Ministers from Mountaintop Ministerium will also be attending & participating in service.

6. Baccalaureate for Crestwood: Service will be at Methodist Church in Mountaintop on Sun. June 6, 2010 at 7 P.M. Ministers were not invited for service last year at Crestwood. Ministers are conducting their own service for students who will be graduating this year.

7. Ordaining In-Care Committee: Pastor was asked to serve on committee. Will meet with this committee on the 4th Tues. of every month.

8. Hall Fee: Pastor will call around to other places & see what they are charging. Will discuss further at next meeting.

VIII. Future Dates:

1. Feb. 19th to 21st: PNEC Youth Retreat
2. Feb. 23rd: Girl Scout Cookie Distribution from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.
3. Feb. 27th: Cub Scout Pack Night 7 P.M. To 9 P.M.
4. Mar. 10th: Twilighers
5. Mar. 14th: Daylight Savings
6. Mar. 20th: Hall Rental – Eileen Bonczek
7. Mar. 26th to 27th: 30 Hour Famine
8. Apr. 1st: Maundy Thursday Service
9. Apr. 2nd: Good Friday Service at 12 P.M at Emmanuel UCC
10. Apr. 4th: Easter Services at Emmanuel
11. April 10th: Hall Rental – E. Walck
12. April 17th: Spring Turkey Dinner
13. July ? : Vacation Bible School

IX. Communion Setup: Mar: Cindy & Beverly; April: Jim & Nelson

X. Next Meeting: Thurs. March 18, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

XI. Adjourn: Motion was made by J. Rinehimer & seconded by D. Myers. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 9:50 P.M.