

Consistory Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2011

- I. Call To Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Ron Rinehimer, President, at 7:10 pm. Candle was lit by Ron Rinehimer and prayer was offered by Beverly Kramer. Those attending were Ron Rinehimer, Jim Rinehimer, Pastor Penny Dollar, Janice Broyan, Beverly Kramer and Jill Bernetski. Absent: Chris Dietrich, Meredith Martin, Cindy Heller
- II. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 17, 2011 consistory meeting were sent to some members via email. All members received a copy prior to meeting. Minutes were reviewed. No additional changes were made. Motion was made by Janice Broyan & seconded by Beverly Kramer to approve March consistory minutes. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** The 03-31-11 treasury report was provided. Overall totals for general, building and memorial funds were calculated correctly. Discussion was held and it was recommended to add Wednesday evening attendance to the report. A motion was made by Jill Bernetski and seconded by Jim Rinehimer to accept March Treasurer's Report totals. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business:**
1. PNEC Conference: The consistory retreat scheduled for Saturday, July 9th needs to be postponed; a date for the conference will be set at a future meeting.
 2. Audit of Books: No one has volunteered to complete the audit. Ron will ask Frank and Cliff to complete the audit.
 3. VISION: We will be hosting VISION the week of May 9th. VISION has asked that the meal be served during one sitting, beginning between 6:30 and 7:00. Tables will be spread out in the back room to accommodate the men.
 4. 300 Club: The priority right now is to sell tickets. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.
 5. Organist: There is no update on the search for a new organist. Don will be on vacation in June so we will need to find someone to fill in. Archie has the Methodist Hymnal on CD so that can be used while Don is on vacation. Pastor Penny to call Kay Reilly and Janice will ask her niece if they are available.
 6. Offering Envelopes: The Stewardship & Spiritual Council met. It was decided if members aren't putting in at least \$50 a year they won't receive a box of envelopes. A total of 50-75 boxes will be ordered. This will save approximately \$400.
 7. Soup Fundraiser: The sale went very well. An \$825 profit was realized; the previous sale had a profit of \$927. All who made soup donated the ingredients; the only purchase necessary was for plastic containers which cost about \$15.
 8. Men in Harmony: The concert will be held Sunday, June 5th; there will be a love offering. The group has provided information for press releases along with flyers to post. Denise volunteered to distribute it since she provides information to the papers on a regular basis. Discussion was held to provide the information to several radio stations (WARD, WRGN), community bulletin boards, and other local churches. It will also be promoted at the Turkey Supper along with the 300 Club and Yard Sale.
 9. Steeple Light CD: There is no update; Pastor Penny will take care of this. There is an online bank, Ally Bank, which is offering a CD with a 1.5% interest rate. There are no fees and no minimum balance. The penalty for early withdrawal is the loss of two months of interest.
 10. Yard Sale: Many items have already be donated. Once the Turkey Supper is over, items will begin to be sorted.
 11. Veterans Day Plaque: Ron spoke with Don and he will place the order for a new plaque. Jim sent a thank you note to Bob Derwin who provides the plaque.
 12. Railing Memorial Plaque: Ron will talk to Don about looking into purchasing a plaque to hold the names of those who make donations to the church. Don will look into pricing.
 13. Easter Breakfast: The men's group will prepare the breakfast to be held after the sunrise service, which will be held at 6:30. Jim will be in charge of organizing the breakfast.

V. New Business:

1. Bank Accounts: No additional charges have been recorded yet. It was decided to let the account stay the way it is for now.
2. Spring Clean Up: The clean up will be held on Saturday, April 30th.

VI. Other:

1. Church Website: The newsletter has not been posted to the website; it hasn't been updated recently. The website should also be updated on a timelier basis. Members of the congregation will be asked if anyone is willing and/or able to assist with this task.

VII. Pastor's Business:

1. Mission Trip: The youth attending the Myrtle Beach mission trip are Marc Davis, Allison and Kimmy Bernetski; Pastor Penny and Marc Davis will chaperone. They will be leaving on July 30th and will return on August 7th. The initial fee of \$79 per youth has been paid. There is approximately \$18,000 in the United Church Funds Account; a portion of these funds may be used. It is uncertain how to move the money between accounts. A policy needs to be set up by the church in order to transfer money between accounts. The money will only be able to be moved into the church's account. Thirty dollars from the account is automatically transferred per quarter.
2. Graduate Recognition: Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on June 5th.
3. Annual Meeting of Penn Northeast Conference: The annual meeting will be held May 6th and 7th in Hazleton. Registration is due April 18th. The cost is \$35 for Friday's activities and \$30 for Saturday's activities; the cost for both days is \$60. This year, the theme will be mission projects. A variety of activities are planned to either stay in or go into the community to provide assistance with various activities. Drivers and workers are needed; you must be 15 to participate. Beverly might be interested in attending.

**VIII. Communion Setup: MAY: Janice (Jill will help)
JUNE: Jim**

IX. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

X. Adjourn: Meeting was called to close by Ron Rinehimer at 8:28 pm.