

## Consistory Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Deb Dietrich, President, at 6:40pm. Candle was lit and prayer offered by Deb Dietrich. Those attending were Deb Dietrich, Jim Stewart, Diana Decker, Allen Dennis, Sandy Kleger, and Brad Bunnell.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the February Consistory Meeting (February 18, 2016) reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Stewart and seconded by Sandy Kleger to approve the minutes with **one amendment to section VII number 1. Repairs to the chimney.** The amended minutes will read "Allen Dennis made a motion to purchase the propane furnace with the Ruth Rinehimer fund or the building fund." Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasury report for 2-29-2016 was provided to the members at the time of the meeting. Overall totals for general, building, and memorial funds were calculated correctly. A motion was made by Allen Dennis and seconded by Diana Decker to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- IV. **Search Committee Report:** The committee will soon be compiling the data collected from the surveys given to church members to create the church profile. Another survey was also put in the bulletins to assist the committee with other information that will assist when interviewing candidates. Jim Stewart presented possible pastor compensation options from the PNEC.
- V. **Old Business:**
  1. **New furnace:** Permission was not given to use the Ruth Rinehimer Fund to purchase the new furnace so the building fund will be used instead as was decided in the February consistory meeting. This will be brought before the congregation for a vote as the purchase exceeds \$1500.
  2. **Rain gutter:** Kevin Gallagher will fix the rain gutter.
  3. **Organist:** All consistory members agree to offer the position of organist to Geraldine Patire at a salary of \$65/Sunday.
  4. **Annual report to the UCC:** The report was submitted by Denise Dean on March 4, 2016.
  5. **Small Games of Chance:** The renewed Small Games of Chance License has been received.
  6. **Safe Church Policy:** All files of employees and volunteers are complete.
  7. **Talent In Bloom:** The Talent In Bloom fellowship event is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Members are invited to bring works of art for display but they will not be

auctioned as they were last year. There will also be a reception in the fellowship hall following the event.

**VI. New Business:**

- 1. PNEC Annual Meeting:** The PNEC Annual Meeting will take place on April 9 in Northampton. Our pastor would normally attend this meeting. The consistory will attempt to find a representative in place of a pastor.
- 2. Stained Glass Maintenance CD:** The stained glass maintenance CD has expired but will be left alone for now. Allen Dennis will talk to Bill Pierce about what can be done with this money.
- 3. Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet:** The boy scouts would like a representative of the church to attend their annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Our pastor would normally attend this meeting. The consistory will attempt to find a representative in place of a pastor.
- 4. Offering envelopes:** The new envelope system is working and will be continued.
- 5. Vacation Bible School:** With so few children, we will be combining with St. James Lutheran for VBS. Stairville has no children and Cornerstone only has two.
- 6. Interim pastor and upcoming services:** Reverend Gordon is able to do Palm Sunday and Easter services. The supply pastor fees will be taken from Pastor Ken's salary. Reverend Alan Miller will provide updated interim pastor profiles so the consistory can look for a new interim. The Maundy Thursday service will take place at St. Peters and Gilberto Garcia Rodriguez from PNEC will preach on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 7. Adopt-a-Highway:** Road cleanup has been scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> after church.
- 8. Church Spring Cleaning:** Church cleanup has been schedule for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. Food Bank Donation:** Allen Dennis asked where the \$1200 food bank donation went. Jim Stewart explained that it will go towards grocery gift cards for those who use the food bank.

**VII. Communion Setup:** Easter Sunday: Deb Dietrich and Diana Decker – April 3: Diana Decker and Deb Dietrich

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:30pm

**IX. Adjournment:** Meeting was called to a close at 8:04pm, motion to adjourn by Allen Dennis and seconded by Diana Decker.