

Church Council Meeting September 21, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Dennis Winkleblack, Jackie Palance, John Hickman, Jeanette Baker, Heidi Flower, Terry Parker, Tim Kraus, Matti Verzino, Earl Pelletier, Karen Rochelle, Diane Ashworth, John Rioux, Bill Katt, Susan Powers, Beth Provost.

Diane Ashworth opened the meeting with a devotional and a prayer.

Mum Festival – Most of the time slots are filled. A few people asked where they might be needed. We won't know the assigned spot of our set-up until Friday evening. The games will be "Bean Bag Toss" for younger children and the "Ball In the Milk Can Toss" will be for older children and adults. Jeanette has made up Halloween Bags with goodies (no candy) for prizes. Jeanette has also made up PUMC pamphlets to hand out/to have on the table. It was suggested that anyone who has the yellow PUMC tee-shirt wear them.

Stewardship Campaign – The Stewardship Campaign will take place the weeks between October 24 and November 21. The pledge cards will be collected on November 21. Thanks to Chris Wilson for doing an outstanding job with the fundraising efforts.

Parking Lot Ministries – One family started coming to church after reading about the activities of the parking lot ministries. People have commented that the children seemed more behaved this summer than in years past.

Choirs – Heidi announced that the senior choir has three new people. This is a welcome addition. There are also two new bell ringers for the Bell Choir.

Sunday School – The Sunday School year started off a tad low in attendance. There were 15 children attending Rally Day which officially kicks off the new Sunday School season. Hopefully the attendance will increase as the season progresses.

Organ Restoration Funding – Scott McNeal, who will be hosting PUMC's first Victorian Tea on December 11th, has decided to put the proceeds from the tea towards the Organ Restoration Fund. Tickets will be going on sale soon and will be sold throughout CT. The event will take place on December 11th at 4:00pm.

Rethink Church – The committee met in September and have thought of having a "Tail Gate Trick Or Treat" event on Halloween. This will be a follow-up to the Parking Lot Ministries theme in hopes of keeping things going with the neighborhood children. This will be a low-key event held for a couple of hours. If it rains the event will be moved into Sessions Hall. Possibly use the sandwich board to advertise the event.

The finance reports were reviewed by all with any questions being answered. Along with the committee notes that were submitted. Bills and apportionments have been able to be paid with thanks to the Trustees Committee leaving some money in the funds for use. The Finance Committee needs to have all committees' budgets in by November 1st. Apportionments will be going down substantially and in turn this will help greatly with the budget finances.

SPR – The committee will be preparing another survey for the congregation to fill out. This in preparation for the coming of a new pastor.

Safe Sanctuary – It was suggested that the background checks be performed every two years or as new teachers come on board. Earl Pelletier did not attend the course offered this summer on putting policies together for Safe Sanctuary. It was felt that wasn't necessary due to the fact that PUMC already has a policy in place.

Country Cupboard Fair – The fair is coming together nicely. Spaces have all been filled at this point and unfortunately a few vendors had to be put on a waiting list. The fair committee crafters have been meeting to make items. The Apple pie making will begin on September 21st, the cookies will be made October 9th and the Pumpkin pies will be made October 11th.

Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, December 5th after Worship. Will we be putting together a light lunch for this?

PUMC will be hosting the Ecumenical Service Thanksgiving Eve on Wednesday, November 24th. John again will be putting together another bountiful Horn of Plenty for the Thanksgiving services. He has offered to the congregation anyone wishing to take come of the bounty they may do so after Sunday service following Thanksgiving. Thank you John.

Trustees – Trustees will provide the remaining monies needed to finish the new projection and sound system that will be installed in the sanctuary. Everything is in place and ready to be ordered. There is a 6 – 8 week lead time once the order is placed. A committee needs to be put together to handle all the coordination of the system.

August minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Dennis closed the meeting with a prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting will be October 19.

Respectfully,

Jackie Palance
Church Council Secretary