**Official Board Minutes**

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

**June 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Kim McKenzie at 7:05 p.m. who led the group in the Lord’s Prayer.

Present were:

Denise Bell Madison Bell Ted Bickley Betty Craig

Barb Fraunfelder Jim Heinrich Sharon Heinrich Irene Joyce

Kim McKenzie Linda Plain Jack Stephenson Claire Wills

**Minutes of the 4/26/16 meeting** were approved with a motion by Betty Craig seconded by Denise Bell. Betty Craig moved to approve the minutes of the 6/12/16 special meeting, seconded by Linda Plain. Motions carried.

**Treasurer’s Report as of 6/28/16**: Balance of $5,843.52. Income: $ .55 for April & May interest. Disbursements: $147.00 for postage; $333.13 to Kathie Paul and Melinda Slavik for plants and flowers. Sharon Heinrich moved to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Betty Craig. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advertising Committee**: Jack Stephenson reported that ads are in place for the Tent Revival. The tent should be set up on July 12th and help is needed to move yard sale merchandise that is blocking access. An ad for Family Fun Day is not in the budget unless some funds from the Tent Revival are allotted to this committee to defray expenses.

**Christian Education Committee/Youth**: The search committee for the Associate Youth Pastor continues the search. The Christian Education Committee met and discussed optimum times for Sunday School classes. After surveying many of the families who attend, as well as teachers, the consensus was that the current arrangement is ideal. The Board discussed ideas for possible opportunities to allow Pastor Becky to teach Sunday School classes periodically.

**Church Treasurer/Financial Secretary**: Barb Fraunfelder distributed detailed financial reports and answered questions. Kenn Oerkfitz sent a report that all bills are paid except the pension payment, which is due soon. Lori Kovatich has been working with Barb and will be assuming the responsibilities of Financial Secretary in August.

**Dinners:** Betty Craig reported that dinners are on hiatus until the Turkey Dinner on November 5th.

**Diaconate:** Denise Bell reported that Rev. Mendel Adams and Rev. Joe Santoman will be filling in for Pastor Becky on August 7th and 14th, respectively. The Membership Team is reviewing the church’s rolls. On July 17th, the church will host a baby shower for Deborah and Bill Schneider following worship. Cheryl Sobek will be stepping in to guide the Diaconate in the fall when Denise’s twins are due.

**Mission Outreach/KFC:** They met on June 12th. Penny Sundays will continue to be held on the 4th Sunday of each month.

**Music Committee:** All summer Sundays have been scheduled for special music.

**Organ Restoration Committee**: No update.

**Strategic Planning:** The Strategic Planning Meeting was held on May 21st and goals, progress and new ideas were discussed. One idea was a “Stewardship Sunday,” perhaps quarterly, wherein various projects around the church would be worked on as part of or as a supplement to the worship service. Suggestions from the congregation gathered on May 22nd were reviewed and Kim will distribute them to the appropriate groups.

**Stewardship Committee:** Linda Plain mentioned working on service projects around the church four times a year, signing up volunteers and organizing tasks. It was suggested that many fraternities and sororities need service hours.

**Sunday School:** Irene Joyce reported that the kids distributed Tootsie Pops on Father’s Day. Summer classes have been going well, with all Sundays through July filled. The Sunday School will be paying for the bounce house for Family Fun Day and will sponsor a Box Lunch Auction on Rally Day, September 11th.

**Thrift Shop:** Lola Millhoane sent a report thanking the Thrift Shop workers for raising over $300,000 in 35 years.

**Trustees**: Rachel Zielinski sent a report that Gina Gigliotti’s project should begin later in the summer after trees and yard waste are removed. Thanks to everyone who helped with the clean-up on June 25th and to the Thrift Shop for helping with the cost. More clean-ups will be needed. Electric modifications for the tent have been approved. Laurie Meister will list the Pearl Road property for rent. Storage issues abound; please ask so that the Trustees can find a place for items that need to be stored properly. Ongoing projects include seeking bids for the handicap restroom and sealing the parking lot.

**Women's Fellowship:** Claire Wills reported that they will be putting together tote bags for the Strongsville Food Bank. The ladies are donating $100 toward the Tent Revival.

**Minister’s Report:** Pastor Becky sent a report that plans are in place for the Tent Revival, with participation from St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, the Strongsville United Methodist Church, and Williams Chapel Church of God in Christ. Irene Joyce moved to donate $500 toward Tent Revival expenses, seconded by Denise Bell. Motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Don’t forget the deadline is July 15th to turn in recipes for the 200th Anniversary Cookbook. Also, please schedule an appointment with Sarah Hayes and Cathy Hawk for the Pictorial Directory photo taking. The 200th Anniversary team will meet August 27th.

The Strongsville Homecoming is July 13th – 16th. Claire Wills, Betty Craig, Barb Fraunfelder, Linda Plain, and Kim McKenzie volunteered to collect donations in the parking lot during certain hours. Rachel Zielinski will purchase 500 squeeze balls to hand out at the parade. Float construction will be July 10th and Chris Morgan has volunteered the use of his trailer, to be pulled by Jack & Becky Stephenson’s truck. Betty Craig moved to allot up to $400 for parade expenses, seconded by Barb Fraunfelder. Motion carried.

Kim still plans to speak with Dale Hawk, Kelly Bickley, and/or Eddy Bond regarding putting together a Night at the Races fundraiser.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Payment for the Women’s Retreat is due soon. Dates for the retreat are August 12th – 14th.

Kim will check with the 200th Anniversary Committee regarding plans for next year’s Church Picnic. This year’s event went well, but would have been more organized with someone definitively in charge. Betty Craig moved to reimburse Linda Plain $59.89 more for the cost of hot dogs and buns. Denise Bell seconded and the motion carried. Hot Dogs and buns that were left over will be used at the Free Lunch Program.

Reminder: no meeting in July.

Betty Craig motioned for adjournment at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Claire Wills. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Official Board will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Irene Joyce, Secretary