

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2009

In Carl Bartell and Brenda Eaton’s absence, John Gladwell opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. with silent prayer. After prayer, the Council pledged allegiance to the American and Christian flags.

The minutes of June 3, 2009 were approved by Doug Harbaugh and seconded by Cheryl Wood. The motion passed.

Financial Report – Sandy Shipe presented the Treasurer’s Report. Lily Roadcap moved to accept the report; the motion was seconded by John Dickson. Motion passed.

Old Business

1) Annual Conference Report – Jean Unruh reported for both Pastor Mike and herself on the events of the Annual Conference. She found our new Bishop, Peggy Johnson, to be a personable and capable leader and enjoyed the Bishop’s interaction with the District Superintendents and other Conference personnel. Among the proposals that were passed, the following two might be of interest to Conley’s congregation:

- * A ban on the use of FedEx for shipping by churches in our Conference. This was proposed by the Committee on Native American Ministries. FedEx owns the field where the Washington Redskins play, and the term “redskin” is offensive to the Native Americans. Past requests to FedEx to change the name have not been successful.
- * Approval of a new adult retreat center at Camp Pecometh.

The results of voting by our Conference on the proposed amendments to the United Methodist Constitution have not yet been released. However, it was announced that all but one amendment had more “yes” votes than “no,” but only a few with the required two-thirds vote. The one with a majority of “no” votes was Amendment #1, which changes the Constitution to allow membership based solely on the applicant’s wishes, with no control by the clergy. We will not know the final outcome of proposed changes to the constitution until a tally is done of the voting for all conferences worldwide – sometime in late fall. Jean plans to make a report to all three congregations within the next few weeks.

2) Groundbreaking Ceremony – John Gladwell thanked Pastor Mike for an inspiring service at the new building site. The event was captured on film. Pastor Mike thanked Mike Griffith for putting together a wonderful CD slide show and also thanked those who contributed still pictures. Both the CD and a blown-up aerial photo might be made available for a contribution to be put towards the building fund.

New Business

1) Bulk Mailing Change – Cheryl Wood announced that our bulk mailing post office has been changed from Nassau to Georgetown. The bulk mailing number also changed, so a new stamp will be obtained.

Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees - Wendy Schmitt praised Kathy Straub, Danielle Moore, and Myra McCormick for an outstanding church picnic. She also reported the following:

- Vacation Bible School will be held next week, July 6 through the 11th. The Fellowship Hall and church will be decorated for “Camp E.D.G.E.” on July 2. The Men’s Group will be cooking and serving food. Volunteers will bring desserts.

- Evangelism & Membership Committees will meet Thursday, July 16, at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mike will hold a New Member Training class at 7:00 P.M., followed by a reception. Contact Wendy Schmitt if you know anyone who wants to join Conley’s.

- Prayer Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 22, at 7:00 P.M.

- Back-to-School Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 1, for all children who attend Conley's (or attended VBS) and their families. The children will be given packets of school supplies to help with the expense of getting a child ready for the start of school. There is a basket in the back of the church for donated supplies. Lizz Marshall is also collecting money for the Adopt-a-Family program to provide the same help to underprivileged children throughout the state. There is a jug next to the basket in the narthex for donations to support that program.

Wendy reminded the Council that the Gospel Sing is coming up in September. She also notified members of the above committees that the *Pray Magazine* will no longer be published.

Social Concerns Committee – The church is helping a member who lacks funds for a much-needed bathroom repair and has received a bid on the project. The Social Concerns committee will most likely be the group to assist with the cost.

Missions Committee – Faye Boore gave the following report for Jeanne Quinn: Karen Booth sent a letter thanking us for our support of the Transforming Congregations ministry. A “Change Sunday” will be held at Conley's to aid Dr. Michael Russell's “Helping Hand Ministries” for needy and abused women. More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jerry Mitchell said that the committee had finished Pastor Mike's annual review and is beginning work on other staff evaluations.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – No report.

Trustees – John Gladwell reported that both the outside and inside walls are erected on the new building. The sheeting is being installed and the roof trusses will be delivered on July 9. The shell should be completed by the end of August. He had great praise for Tony, the construction superintendent. John also said that the plaster repair in the current sanctuary had been completed.

Health Ministries – No report.

New Building Fund Committee – Pat Short gave the following fundraisers update:

- The fundraiser at the Green Turtle on July 21 will also feature a silent auction.
- Fundraiser at Bob Evans on August 19. They will give us 20% on orders with a voucher from 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. Customers will receive a coupon for another visit.
- Conley's Family & Friends Connectional Card – Pat moved and John Dickson seconded that we establish a Conley's savings card which we will sell for \$10.00 (\$5.00 of which comes back to Conley's if we sell 600 cards.) It can be used for discounts at a large number of businesses that we will select. The motion passed. More details coming.
- Other proposed fundraisers that are not yet firm are an antique show at the Rehoboth Convention Center and a 60's dance at Bethel UMC.

Pastor Mike distributed copies of a draft letter announcing the new Capital Finance Campaign, to be sent out as soon as possible. It will be accompanied by a prayerful letter from Ed Perry reaffirming the campaign. The Council approved the letter and agreed by consensus that the campaign should be for one year.

Pastor's Report – Everything is going well; Mike is pleased with the progress on the new building.

Miscellaneous

- Cheryl Wood announced that there would be no Newsletter in August.
- Sally Doak compiled a beautiful slide show of the dedication ceremony for Conley's historical marker and donated it (on a CD) for the Archival Files. Thank you, Sally.
- Jean Unruh reported on a seminar for leaders and potential leaders in all areas of ministry called *The Well*. It is sponsored by the Vision Team of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and will be held at Eagle's Nest Fellowship Church on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Pastor Mike will address this in the near future.

Lily Roadcap moved to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Unruh, Secretary