

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 2, 2009**

The meeting opened with prayer by Mike Keim, followed with the Pledges to the American and Christian flags.

The minutes of the November meeting had one correction by John Gladwell. Under Trustees – last paragraph should read.... Capstone Homes has donated 158 loads of fill dirt. The minutes were then approved by Lily Roadcap and seconded by Sheryl Wood.

The Financial report was presented by Sandy Shipe. It was approved with a motion by John Gladwell, seconded by Gilda Britland. The motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) The Bank has our loan application, the appraisal was done today (Wed. 12-2-09) We could possibly get approval by Friday.
- 2) Telephone System - the phones were purchased and donated. They are not yet hooked up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Pastor Mike needs some help with the Church profile and Evaluation of the ministry of the Church. This must be taken to the Conference Center in Dover tomorrow. He requested that 4 or 5 people stay after Ad Council tonight to help get the information together. Several people agreed to stay and help.
- 2) Chairman, Carl Bartell passed out literature called Manhattan Declaration, written by several Christian leaders, and requested that we put a link on our website to generate support for these issues. There are three areas of importance: a) Sanctity of life b) Dignity of Marriage c) Rights of conscience and religious liberty. Second by Brenda Eaton, the motion passed. The link will be placed on our website, anyone may sign their name on line if they so desire. Pastor Mike would like to see a “think tank” group to discuss social concerns within the church. Please contact Pastor Mike or Carl Bartell if you are interested in joining a social concerns group.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

EVANGELISM - We received 7 new members in November. Trunk for treats was very successful. The Living Nativity is coming up Dec. 18 19..

PRAYER COMMITTEE – No report

SOCIAL CONCERNS- Presently we are helping a family to replace a heater.

HEALTH MINISTRIES- The 34 thanksgiving dinners were distributed (in conjunction with Dagsboro Church of Christ). We will be Christmas Caroling on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at area Nursing homes, pizza will be served in Fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m. before caroling. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> is designated for caroling to shut-ins. Be at Fellowship hall by 1:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME! We have adopted a family for Christmas. The new 2-1-1 phone number to link callers to service providers has been installed. There are also several projects; a) Spiritual renewal class in the new year. b) There will be a dinner and speaker Clayton Bunting will be advising about writing a will, auto accidents and your rights. This will be combined with 2 other

Churches. c) Weight loss and Weight control. d) Visitation to shut-ins. e) There are 3 people that we see regularly and take food to. f) Taking communion to shut-ins. g) CPR class on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE - Jerry Mitchell thanked all who served on the committee this year and a special thank-you to Pastor Mike for his leadership.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE – Ed Perry spoke about “benchmarking”, which is visiting other churches who have been in this position and what changes they experienced in how to bring in new members, etc. The members of this committee will do the visitation.

There is a possibility that we can be in our new building by the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. or Nov. in 2010. They will have a “brain storming” session in January with a cross section of people to go over ideas. Ed made a clarification to what he told us at the Church Meeting in November where we voted to apply for a loan. He said that day that the “thrift store monies would not be used to pay off the loan. However, we will use thrift store money to pay down the debt, but, it will be tithed.” The thrift store money will also be used for community outreach.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE- The steeple has been ordered and will arrive sometime in January. It is 28 ft. tall. Someone donated a lightning rod. There is a new shed on the site thanks to Bill Barry. The flaps on the pavilion have a little damage due to high winds but they will be repaired. The heating, ventilation, and steeple will be done now, the rest will be ready to work on after we get the o.k. on the mortgage loan.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE - We made \$4,000.00 on the 2 yard sales. There will be another yard sale in Jan. or early Feb. Thanks to everyone who helped with these. Pat reported that the restaurant that we had planned to go to for a fund raiser in Jan. is being remodeled. Her request is that instead everyone please put whatever amount of money that you would have spent at the restaurant be put into an envelope and turned in. There are yard sales, chicken B-B-Q's, jewelry sales, etc. The rest of the items in the pavilion must be packed up and stored in the shed after Feb. because the flaps cannot be left up in the winter.

PASTOR'S REPORT- November was a great month. Pastor Mike and Ann celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with a little time off. We took in 7 new members, he went to clergy meetings, ethics committee meeting, Dist. Clergy mtg., Transition meeting. He feels that there is a surge of excitement that he hopes will continue. He would like a time of fasting and praying going into this new year. Homecoming was marvelous with D.S. Boyd Edder as our speaker, his encouragement was exciting. Pastor Mike also appreciated the Lay Leaders who stepped up when was away. There were no weddings, 2 funerals. Also the address rosters need some work. Thanks to Paul Collins, Tina Trout and Pastor Mike for decorating the Church. Also, a big thank-you to Paul Kehrer who helped make the Advent Wreath in the front of the Fellowship hall. Next year we hope to paint the candles and put Advent words on it.

MISCELLANEOUS- The Church Meeting in Nov. voted to apply for a loan. Ed Perry asked that we increase money budgeted for advertising at the Charge Conference in Dec. John Gladwell said we will be lighting up the new Church during the holidays. Paul Collins requested that the Methodist emblem – the cross and the flame be placed on the back side of the Church (Rt. 24 side) large enough to be seen from the road. We will check with a sign company regarding this suggestion. We will have information to discuss at the next meeting. Pat Short has Christmas cards for sale (fundraiser) and Mike Keim has a picture painted by Helen Green. It is of Conley's Chapel with a Christmas wreath on the doors.

Motion for adjournment at 8:23 p.m. by John Gladwell.

Circle prayer followed. There were 26 attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eaton, Secty. Pro tem