

Church Council Meeting October 21, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Dennis Winkleblack, Jill Wilson, Jackie Palance, John Hickman, Jeanette Baker, Heidi Flower, Terry Parker, Matti Verzino, Karen Rochelle, Diane Ashworth, John Rioux, Bill Katt, Susan Powers, Bill Thibodeau, Shirley Paulette, Vivian Brackett, Chris Wilson.

Jill Wilson opened the meeting with a devotional and a prayer.

P. Sound was in to co-ordinate the sound system with the new and existing sound systems. When John Rioux tried to pay for their services they would not accept the money. The services were donated in the memory of James Orr, one of our members who had passed away. The system should be up and operational by November 1. John Rioux and the tech team will tap into resources for more ways to utilize the new visual/sound system.

Nominations Committee is about 75% finished with the nominating of positions. Most are reporting positive feedback.

Rethink church reported the booth at the Mum Festival went well. Will consider another booth next year. The volunteers had positive feedback to report. There was just a bit of confusion with the new church banner stating "A New Prospect." There were a few people that asked if our church is new or if we changed our name. Next year we won't use the banner. Committee will try and think of different games for the children to play next year. On the same note as people thinking the church was different, it has been mentioned that people are thinking that PUMC is closed. There might be some confusion with the Trinity Church down that road that has unfortunately closed. Vivian Brackett has offered to put PUMC in the church directory of the Bristol Press. More publicity needs to be out there about our church.

Janice Moore and Jeanette Baker will be leading the next series of the "Beginnings" studies. The studies will start on October 21. Please see Jeanette or Janice if you are interested in joining the studies. Please feel free to stop in and see what it's all about. They will meet on Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30. It wouldn't be a Methodist meeting without refreshments.

Pastor Dennis reported that a meeting was held for those interested in taking the Holy Land trip with him. At present there are about 9 people interested in taking the trip. If there is anyone interested in going please contact Pastor Dennis for more information.

Charge Conference will be on Sunday, December 5th following a Potluck. We would like our new District Superintendent Ken Keifer see what a typical day at PUMC is like. The Book of Reports will not be ready at this time. All reports are due in to Jill Wilson by the end of the year. Jill will try to have the Book of Reports ready by the January Church Council meeting. Please try to have your reports to Jill early to give her ample time to prepare the book.

Who among us is missing? – Vivian Brackett is willing to make phone calls to people we haven't seen while she is in the church office on Wednesday mornings.

September minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Dennis closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

There will be not Church Council meeting in November.

Respectfully,

Jackie Palance

Church Council Secretary