

Church Council Meeting August 10, 2010

In Attendance: Jill Wilson, Jackie Palance, John Hickman, Jeanette Baker, Heidi Flower, Terry Parker, Tim Kraus, Matti Verzino, Earl Pelletier, Janice Moore, Karen Rochelle, Diane Ashworth, Lang Ashworth, Bill Thibodeau, John Rioux, Shirley Paulette, Chris Wilson.

Jill opened the meeting with a reading from the Upper Room and a prayer.

Mum Festival – Jeanette Baker is looking for volunteers to be on the “Mini-Mum” committee. Need at least 2 people at all times to run the booth for 8 hours each day – Sat. Sept, 25 & Sun. Sept, 26 from 9am – 5pm. Jeanette will prepare a sign-up sheet for this Sunday, Aug. 15, and announce to the congregation of the event and that volunteers are needed. Jeanette is asking that the committees to send her a little info on their committee’s focus. Jeanette will use this info to compile a pamphlet to hand out at the festival. The info will need to be to Jeanette by Sept. 10th. Vision needs to be clear at the booth. Start by getting a list of volunteers signed up and info for the pamphlet. The “Mini-Mum” committee will be meeting Wednesday, Sept. 8th.

Stewardship Campaign – Pastor Dennis and Chris Wilson have met and talked about using a different program this year for the Stewardship campaign this fall. Included are prepared emails and letters to be mailed. A question was raised about the Organ committee having a fund raiser at the same time as the Stewardship Campaign is taking place. Will this hinder the pledges of the congregation? The big question is “what would be best to do?” Should both be run at the same time or having the Organ Committee come up with a date after the pledges are in? Heidi Flower will go back to the Organ Committee about changing the timing of their Organ Repair fundraising. It was mentioned that money may be available from outside sources to help with the repairs being that this is a historical organ. Also mentioned was the fact that the Fair Committee will not be holding their Annual Harvest Dinner this year. This is a time slot that the Organ Committee might be able to use possibly for a fundraiser dinner.

John Hickman reported that on Sunday, Aug. 8th a young man came into the church with a backpack to donate to our “Back to School Backpack” program for DCF. The young man mentioned that the children that have been playing in the yard with the supervised program thru the Bristol Boys & Girls Club took up a donation and with the money raised they bought the backpack and some school supplies to go in it. The program seems to be having a positive affect on the neighborhood children.

Shirley Paulette asked if 12 – 20 wooden folding chairs from one of the classrooms downstairs be disposed of. They are posing a safety issue to the children, having the chair fold up on them. Council agreed to dispose of the chairs and use some chairs from different areas of the church.

Jill announced that Pastor Dennis is seriously looking into a trip to the “Holy Land” in early 2011. If interested in any info please see Jill.

Jill also reported that the volunteers for the office is going well but the building volunteers has fallen off. Carol Rivard has contacted the Community Service Coordinator for info on having those serving community service to come and help with the building maintenance. So far this is going well.

The finance reports were reviewed by all with any questions being answered. Along with the committee notes that were submitted.

June minutes were reviewed and approved.

Jeanette Baker reminded all that any info they want to put in the September Tower is to be in to her by August 17th.

Jill closed the meeting with a prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2010. Shirley Paulette will provide the meeting devotional.

Respectfully,

Jackie Palance

Church Council Secretary