

Church Council Meeting February 9, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Dennis Winkleblack, Jill Wilson, Jackie Palance, Sue Powers, John Hickman, Matti Verzino, Lang Ashworth, Bill Katt, Cliff Kayser, John Rioux, Janice Moore, Carol Rivard, Barry Nolan, Earl Pelletier, Chris Wilson, David Kelly, Bill Thibodeau.

Jill Wilson opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

November and Charge Conference minutes were approved.

It's the beginning of a new year with some new committee chairs and members. Just a reminder that Jill Wilson would like any meeting notes sent to her at least a week before the Church Council meets each month. The Council meeting minutes will no longer be sent to each member of the Church Council. The minutes will be sent to Jeanette Baker. She will then post the minutes on the website: anewprospect.org.

There were not letters sent out to the committee chairs this year. Please check the Charge Conference Booklet or the website for a list of committee members.

All chairpersons of committees please update the calendar in the church office with any meetings or events that you are planning. If any meetings or events are not put on the calendar they will not be put in the bulletins.

Who Among Us Is Missing? – If you notice anyone not seen at church for three weeks or more please email Pastor Dennis. We need to pay attention to who may not be present.

New Members – New members will be received into PUMC on March 21, 2010. Orientation will possibly be on March 7 and March 14. How do we invite anyone to join the church? Dennis will write a general letter of invitation. Jill Wilson, Barry Nolan and Carol Rivard will follow up with phone calls.

In case anyone hasn't noticed, there is a new sign hanging from the church sign at the corner of Center St. and Summer St.. The sign now has the new website for PUMC. Jeanette Baker updates the website frequently. If anyone wants articles put either on the website or in the Tower please email Jeanette at Baker60@snet.net.

Mission 2010 – An outdoor concert was mentioned to raise awareness. Proceeds will go for Nets for Malaria. The potential concert is slated for June 19, 2010 @ 3:00pm.

What Does A Church Council Do? – Besides coming to meetings and reporting on what each committee is doing. Jill read a few paragraphs from the Book of Discipline on what Church Council is to be. What is our mission as a Church Council? Think about where we've been and focus on what we need to do to make it different. How successful are we at making disciples? Ponder, Pray and Think.....

Pastor Dennis made mention of the Lenten Lectures entitled “24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton. The Lenten series started February 23 and will run to March 23 at 7:00pm.

New York Annual Conference June 9 thru June 12, 2010 – Bishop Park would like to fill Hofstra University Arena on Saturday, June 12 with members from all over the New York Conference area. Pastor Dennis would like as many members as possible from PUMC to attend. He also showed a short video from 2009 New York Annual Conference.

New Business – Carol Rivard brought up the subject of Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 service. Committees need to be notified of their month coming up to serve at the coffee hour. Carol has volunteered to contact the Chairperson of the next committee to serve the coffee hour refreshments the last week of the month. This will give that chairperson advanced notice so they may contact their committee members to arrange for coverage.

Finance – Tim Kraus reported the PUMC financial reports.

Jill Wilson closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2010. Janice Moore will provide a prayer and devotional.

Respectfully,

Jackie Palance

Church Council Secretary