

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 15, 2011

In Attendance: Jill Wilson, Chris Wilson, Carol Rivard, Sue Powers, Pastor Dennis Winkleblack, Janice Moore, Jackie Palance, Mattie Verzino, Jeanette Baker, Shirley Paulette, Joyce Rioux, Bill Thibodeau, Tim Krauss, Vivian Brackett.

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. with devotions led by Carol Rivard. From Micah 6:2 “let us go up to the mountain of the Lord”.

The minutes from January were accepted as amended.

Nurture – Jill Wilson – Andy Palaia has taken ‘custody’ of the trifold bulletin board in Sessions Hall, any information to be posted should be given to him. The round tables will be put away, and the long tables will be reconfigured for best use during Fellowship hour.

ReThink – Jeanette Baker – the Sunday School Video presentation was wonderful, and the response from the congregation with food items for the Soup Kitchen was great! Five fleece blankets have been made, so far, for out homebound members – Colleen Shover will deliver them when she visits. March 19 is the Shamrock Road Race to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter – there will be information in the bulletin for signing up. The next meeting for ReThink is on March 7th – Michelle Palmer from the Christian Fellowship Center will speak. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Education – Shirley Paulette – Diane Ashworth is heading up the “Grand Youth Event” which includes inviting youth from other churches to attend. Pastor Dennis commented that it sounds like a wonderful idea and hopes it will do well. A separate planning session is being held to plan a Family Retreat Weekend. The Luminaries for our Christmas Eve services looked wonderful!

Staff/Parish – Joyce Rioux – the group met with the DS last week – discussion centered on “what do we want to see in a new pastor?” There was lots of good information shared and there is a healthy outlook toward the next step in the process. The first Sunday in June will most likely be Pastor Dennis’ last “preaching” Sunday. The last two Sundays of June will be focused on transitioning to a new pastor.

Trustees – Chris Wilson – there is a meeting scheduled in April to meet with the broker and review the portfolio.

Outreach – Jackie Palance – there is a meeting coming up with Susan Lee regarding the Covenant to Care Easter baskets.

Bargain Center is doing well – it is good to be in their new location – larger room, easier access to everything. Jeanette will do a ‘blurb’ on the web-page with a photo – also ads in the local paper. The phone extension is in the process of being moved to the new room.

Women of Prospect – Shrove Tuesday dinner will be in the dining room downstairs this year, as the BB& W ensemble practices in the fellowship hall. We are planning another “Baked Potato Bar and Movie Night” in the coming months, as well.

Men’s Fellowship – Bill Thibodeau – Hockey game event is March 11th. Several members of the Men’s group went out and visited Cliff Keyser in Watertown. Visit was very much appreciated!!

Finance – Jill Wilson – regarding fund-raisers – a form is being created for groups to fill out and give to the Finance Comm. To show accountability, and where the profits from the fund – raiser will go. Tim K. handed out the Expense sheets – they got good prices for snow removal at the church and parsonage. Jeanette will post a quarterly ‘blurb’ in the Tower regarding our financial situation. Sue Powers presented an idea from NYAC regarding a “13th Month” offering – it will ask church pledgers to consider giving one extra month’s pledge during 2011 to help make up the deficit. A letter with a special envelope will be sent out soon with this information.

Who’s Missing? Who’s New? – friends of Elaine Foley, Sarah and Haley? Shannon Cole and baby Peyton – she asked for new member information.

2 women – Amber and Ashley – came to the church on Sunday after services – Tim Krauss showed them around and gave them a bulletin and church brochure.

Dube family? Were coming regularly, haven’t seen them in a while – Jill Wilson will try to contact them. Making an effort makes a difference!!

Other Business – Dennis Winkleblack – we have been invited to join the Federal Hill Association – cost is \$25/yr. Anyone interested in representing Prospect at this group should contact Diane Ashworth.

Adult Education – perhaps a once a month Sunday morning study, with a different topic each month. Jan Moore will lead a 5-week study of the Psalms during Lent.

Next Meeting – no meeting in March due to conflict with BBW concert. We will meet again on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Moore, recording secretary.