

Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2011

In attendance: Sue Powers, Pastor Bob, Joyce Rioux, John Rioux, Bill Katt, Jeanette Baker, Jackie Palance, Heidi Flower, Matti Verzino, Beth Provost, Carla Heister, Jeff Paulette, Chris Wilson. Excused were Jill Wilson, Stuart Brown, Tim Kraus and Janice Moore.

Opening Devotion and Prayer was provided by Joyce and John Rioux

October minutes were approved.

Committee reports were reviewed.

Planning Retreat – Pastor Bob thanked all those who participated. Some goals were set and are very achievable. Pastor Bob will write up a brief summary for the December Tower. Next step will be to write up a summary for the charge conference notes. Present goals at charge conference. Who will be the “advocates” to see goals are reached and maintained? At the February meeting of the church council goals will be reviewed and then select the “advocates” who will oversee the goals.

Trustees – Chris Wilson wished to extend a sincere Thank You to Ron Baker and Bill Baker for cleaning up the grounds around the church and the parsonage after storm Alfred did his damage.

Country Cupboard Fair – the current fair chairperson wishes to step down. Do we continue with the fair and recruit a new chair person or do we say good bye to the Country Cupboard Fair after many years. Some recognition should be made to the Taylor/Rochelle families for their continued service running the fair for nearly 30 years. Announce to the congregation will be after the beginning of the new year.

SPR – Kathy Dube hosted the first Meet N’ Greet at her house. The meet n’ greet went very well. Anyone is invited to host a meet n’ greet at their house if they so choose.

Advent Study – Pastor Bob has his agenda for the Advent Study lined up. The DVD of the study has a commercial spot on it. Pastor Bob has asked Jeanette Baker to play the commercial at the beginning of Sunday’s service. The study is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November, 29th at 7pm and runs for four weeks. The Daily Guide Book is available for \$10 and the full book is available for \$18. Please see Pastor Bob if you wish to attend and/or order books.

Charge Conference – the Charge Conference is slated for Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 12pm. Committee reports need to be emailed to Sue Powers via the church office email address. Need to create a slide show for the conference to show different activities of each of the committees. Please send any photos to the church office.

Stephen Ministries – Six people from PUMC attended the Stephen Ministries seminar in Berlin. The people who attended enjoyed the speaker. This is a ministry that is a supplement to the Pastoral ministry. There would be a leader or leaders who will attend 50 hour workshops. Once this is done then a team of ministers will be formed. The leader will then teach the team to minister to those in need. The church would be required to pay a one-time enrollment fee of \$1600 to become to become a member of the Stephen Ministries. There is a donation of \$600 already towards this enrollment. Motion was made by Bill Katt to move forward with the ministry. The motion was seconded by Jackie Palance. Council approved to enroll PUMC into the Stephen Ministris.

Christmas Eve Services – The Christmas Eve services will be held at different times this year. There will be a 4pm and a 10pm service. There is a need to advertise the service time changes so the word gets out to everyone who normally attends the Christmas Eve Service. On Christmas day there will be no 8:30 service and the 10am service will consist of a Hymn Sing.

Pastor's Notes – Pastor Bob will be away 1/23 – 1/29/12 and again 4/17 – 1/24/12.

Pastor Bob closed with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted by

Jackie Palance