

## **Caton United Methodist Church**

**January 15, 2009**

Attendees: Beth Bouwens, Don & Joan Haussener, Jim & Myrna Hawbaker, Bob Lord, Connie Powell, Kathy Force, Mort Gridley, Jr.

Pastor Beth opened the meeting with prayer

Mort agreed to be the recording secretary.

Council chair asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting, no objections. Accepted without objection

Reports from the ministry areas;

### **Outreach - Bob Lord:**

Food pantry donations are down; Bob proposes requesting one item per worshiper as a way to improve our giving to the work of the Presho Pantry of Angels.

1. The next Red Cross blood drive scheduled for 05/04/09
2. Salvation Army dinner is scheduled for 09/20/09
3. Bob expressed concern for the impending financial crisis and its potential impact on church finances. He desires a deeper understanding of fixed costs and budget margins.

### **Nurture - Kathy Force:**

1. Need to plan family night supper in March
2. Joan raised the issue of coffee hour clean up and congestion in the community room during the transition from the first service to the next.

### **SPRC- Charged to set ministry goals**

1. Mission-Define local mission opportunities
2. Discipleship Nurturing- Mentoring new leaders
3. Identify 4 new lay speakers
4. Meet financial obligations

### **Trustees- Myrna Hawbaker: The former chair reported**

1. Carpets installed for 175<sup>th</sup> are paid in full.
2. Insurance deductible has been determined to be \$1000, so the losses incurred by the recent break in will not be covered.
3. Trustees will be securing the church safe in the office.
4. Some means of securing the musical instruments will need to be constructed.
5. Myrna was happy to say that her and Brad have swapped jobs.

### **UMW - Joan Haussener**

1. Ham and cabbage supper planned for 03/21/09
2. Shut ins will be given gift certificates in lieu of baskets

### **Mission Planning - Beth**

1. Spring Break Week- "Mission Week"

### **Finance - Don Haussener**

1. Year-end reports were presented.

### **Treasurer - Jim Hawbaker**

Report presented via power point.

### **Beth**

1. Newsletter deadline- Fri. 16<sup>th</sup>
2. Red Bird Mission-7/18-25
3. Lenten series again at S.Corning UMC 3/5, 12, 19, 26, 4/2
4. Palm Sunday- Passover feast-Youth evening
5. Year End Reports due February
6. Bible Study Sunday at 6:00pm "Shack" for 6 weeks
7. Planning 2 Vacation Wks in Nebraska with parents
8. Exploring new Church Website potential, \$250 setup, \$100 per year

Beth to provide firmed up details by next meeting Feb 12

Submitted by Mort Gridley Jr