

Attendees: Don & Joan Haussener, Jim & Myrna Hawbaker, Bob Lord, Emma Mosch, Mort Gridley, Jr., Shirley Smith and Rev. Fred Kelsey.

The meeting was opened with prayer, led by Rev. Kelsey.

Joan submitted the minutes from July; they were read with no corrections, and approved.

Myrna Hawbaker agreed to be the recording secretary.

(1) UMW- Emma Mosch

1. First United Methodist Women's mtg. for the fall will be held next Monday, September 14th.
2. The UMW will be providing the food for the Memorial Service for Helen Bly Tobey, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 25th here at the Church.

(2) Lay Leader – Myrna Hawbaker

1. Gave update on the Shepherding Program, which kicked off in late August. Our goal is to make some sort of contact with each person/family on our list, at least once per month, whether it is greeting them at church, a phone call, post card, or other contact. No feedback was given, as the program has just been implemented.
2. Oct. 21st is the date given to us by the District Superintendent for our Church Conf. at 8 p.m. Discussion about the late start time, was that our conf. is combined on the same evening with S.Corning's conference. and last year ours began at 6 p.m. and S.Corning's began at 8 p.m., so this year they were reversed. The D.S. Rev. Dick Barton will officiate again.

(3) Pastor Fred

1. Do we have one Sunday designated at Caton as Christian Education Sunday? No. Fred took the names of the Sunday School teachers (Joan will call the people mentioned to confirm that they are correct), so that we can honor them at a Sunday service in the future.
2. World Wide Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in Oct.

(4) Outreach- Bob Lord

1. Bob reminded us that our Salvation Army Dinner participation Sunday is coming up on September 20th. We will be serving lasagna since the chicken barbeque has been cancelled for Sept. 19th. Next Sunday the 13th Mort agreed to remind folks to donate more lasagna and salad, at the first service, and Myrna at the second service, anticipating a greater need than last year, due to the general economy (75-90 or more people expected). An additional sign-up sheet will be placed in the community room by Sunday. Eric Coons is attempting to get the youth to help serve the food. This will help greatly and also be good for the kids to see some real poverty that exists around us. Several have signed up to help, but kitchen help is always needed.
2. It's not too early to think about the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign. Bob is going to suggest the following dates to the Sal. Army so we can get our preferred times: Sat., Dec.5 at Centerway, 10 am to 2pm., and Sat. Dec. 12 at Wal-Mart,

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10 am to 2pm.

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3. The next ARC Blood Drive is Monday, October 5, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
Bob reminded us/help remind the general congregation to sign up to donate, or possibly help with the drive, or bring food items.
4. Bob is organizing a highway clean up for sometime in Oct.

(5) Missions – Mort

1. Nothing to report this month.

(6) Worship-Shirley Smith

1. The C.R.O.P. Walk will take place Oct. 25. She will check with Kathy Force to see who is spearheading to project at Caton this year.
2. All Saints Sunday will be Nov. 1.
3. Nov. 8 is the Sunday we will celebrate Veteran's Day (11/11).
4. Will there be another Coffee House in Dec. this year? Prayer and Praise usually take charge of this event; she will check on date and time.
5. Nov. 29 will be Food Pantry Sunday.
6. Wed., Nov. 25 will be the Thanksgiving Eve. service; Fred will invite S.Corning and Presho churches to join us.

(7) Nurture and SPRC - Kathy Force (Submitted notes, read by Joan)

1. Due to lack of participation by committee members, Kathy has ended up providing snacks most Sundays for the coffee and fellowship time. So she has decided to only put snacks out the first Sunday of the month.
2. Fred said Eric C. would like to hold his discussion about problems surrounding teens and texting on Sunday night, Sept.27. Should we combine with Family Night Supper?
3. Decided to have next Family Night Supper Wed., Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

(8) Trustees –Brad Hinman (notes submitted, Joan read)

“The Trustees have been busy: “

1. The new driveway surface is almost complete; needs to be rolled.
2. The new music room for secure storage of instruments, construction will begin tomorrow, Sept. 11.
3. The new organ was installed.
4. A mouse elimination plan is underway, poison bait stations [placed].
5. We put out an application of poison gel for carpenter ants in the back(?) room.
6. I will put out an updated chore and job list in the community room tomorrow(9-11).
7. As always, we need lawn mowers.
8. A church-wide fall clean up will be scheduled soon.
9. The prayer garden (Nick Dunn, Eagle Scout project) is under construction.
10. If any maintenance item come up please bring them to the attention of the Trustees.

(9) Finance Chair, Don H.

1. \$66,973 (that is up +\$700 over last year) in the General Fund.
2. Pledge Sunday is Nov. 22 (Sunday before Thanksgiving). Fred will work on a letter and pledge cards (with Diane) and lay out stewardship program

(10) Treasurer's Report – Jim H.

1. Discussed Profit and Loss and Balance sheets. General questions discussed.

(11) Open Forum

1. Bob and Shirley Smith presented the idea for the church to buy an ad in the Corning-Painted Post West High's Bandtoberfest program, in part to help support granddaughter Jessica. After some discussion, the council declined for this year, as the deadline to turn in an advertisement is tomorrow, Sept. 11. Since each ad-buyer has to design their own ad, it was felt that it was not enough time to do a good job on the ad. It was suggested that Smith's offer the idea again next year with more lead time for the council
2. Joan brought up the point that some discussion has swirled around the time for the second service moving from 10:15am to 10:30am. The idea of moving the service back by 15 min. was thought to be for several reasons: alleviate parking squeeze, give the late-service goers a chance to center during a quieter time, but still preserve a mingling of church-goers. Fred offered to also close the folding doors between the sanctuary and community room between 10:15 and 10:30, then he would re-open them after 10:30, to allow anyone with small children to use the tables for coloring. It was agreed upon to try this.
Discussion ensued, and a motion was made to revisit the time change again in January.

(12) Next Mtg: Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7pm. (Fred's birthday: Joan will bring the chocolate cake-shhhh)

(13) Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.; Joan promised to never go this late again 😊

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2009, 7:00 PM;