

CATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12/10/09

Attendees: Pastor Beth Bouwens, Kathy Force, Myrna Hawbaker, Mort Gridley & Bob Lord

Due to the serious condition of Joan Haussener's mother, Joan and Don could not attend this meeting.

Myrna Hawbaker chaired the meeting in Joan's absence.

Pastor Beth opened with prayer:

Minutes of the November meeting were approved with corrections.

SPRC (Kathy Force)

Kathy discussed the great going away gathering (**between services**) for Rev. F Kelsey as he completed his work at our Church.

Kathy discussed the very happy (**between services**) welcome back gathering for Pastor Beth.

There is planning going on for two family night suppers in January.

There is planning for Christmas caroling on Sunday December 20th at 4PM.

It was hoped that there could be two groups one to carol in the center and another to carol to those who do not get around well in the area.

The SPRC had recommended a 2% raise in 2010 for the staff members, which are four.

This does not include Pastor Beth her salary is a separate line item.

The total cost of this raise would be \$313.72. After much discussion and the fact discussed that the staff did not receive any raise at all in 2009, it was voted unanimously to approve this 2% raise for all of the four staff members.

Lay Leader (Myrna Hawbaker)

Nothing to discuss

Evangelism / Witness (Mort Gridley)

With Mort's involvement with pastoral work, someone will need to be selected to carry on the Evangelism / Witness work and the project 390 program to bring new families into our Church.

Outreach (Bob Lord)

For the Salvation Army bell ringing on, Saturday 12/12 we were able to fill all time slots with the help of the Council.

The Saturday 12/19 Salvation Army Bell Ringing time slots are now all filled.

Bob discussed the request from the Food Pantry of Angels at the Presho United Methodist Church to have Caton host the Truck from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier one time every other month. The food truck visits on the third Thursday of the month.

Our first dilemma is we cannot get six folks from our Church, required to make the food give away operate from the truck, for the hours of Noon to 2:30PM.

The second dilemma is with the 300 + folks that come to receive food there is just not sufficient parking space in our lot for the cars along with the food truck.

Pastor Beth will talk with the Pastor of the Caton Bible Chapel to see if they would be willing to help with this endeavor and could their parking lot be used since there drive etc., is more conducive to a large amount of traffic.

Bob discussed the need to find support help for Frank and Emma who three times a month help Butch Snyder obtain, a great amount of given food items from Wegmans, This food is taken to the Presho UM Church for giving out by the Food Pantry of Angels. This job entails two people who can pack, lift and carry food boxes in the cold, snow and rain between 10AM and 3PM three times a month. There is also the need for a Van to carry the food packed in boxes to the Presho United Methodist Church. The boxes the food is packed in comes from the Hawbaker's barn and must go back to the barn after the work.

Bob felt that if we could get three teams of two people with a van this would take the load from Frank and Emma.

After much discussion, the Church Council felt that our Church could not support this effort, whenever Frank and Emma give up the mission.

Pastor (Beth Bouwens)

Pastor Beth was asked by our District Superintendent, after her mission in Nigeria, what work should his district be working on to help those in need in Nigeria.

Pastor Beth suggested funds for a well in the Town of Adoka, which has no water from January to July.

Pastor Beth estimated the cost of a deep well for Adoka would be in the order of \$20,000. If this project proceeds, the raising of these funds would be spread over 76 UMC in the Finger Lakes District.

More details on this fund raising project will follow after discussions with the District Superintendent's office on how the funds raised will be handled and, those in Nigeria on a firm cost of the deep well.

Pastor Beth felt the shepherding program is working well and should be continued.

Sunday school is going well with 8 –12 students each week.

Pastor Beth asked that 20% of her before taxes compensation go into the (UMPIP) United Methodist Personal Investment Plan.

The board voted unanimously to approve this request.

Christmas Eve services will be at 7 & 11PM. They will be candle light services with communion.

Opportunities:

January 1ST Celebrate Pastor Beth's birthday at the Cortland UMC at 11AM followed by a dinner at noon.

January 10th Here I am Lord - Finger Lakes Mission Rally at the Geneva UMC 2 – 4PM

January 17, 24 & 31 Faithful Leadership UMC Training, at the Clifton Springs UMC 2 – 5:30PM

January 23rd Re Think Church as a verb at the Penn Yan UMC 9:30 – 3PM

April 10th Needs Based Evangelism Conference at the Clifton Springs UMC
\$20 per person to attend, includes a copy of the study book.

Pastor Beth closed in prayer.

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14TH 7PM
7PM – 8:30PM**

Bob Lord - Minute Recorder 12/16/09