

Caton United Methodist Church

March 18, 2009

Attendees: Beth Bouwens, Kathy Force, Don & Joan Haussener, Jim & Myrna Hawbaker, Mort Gridley, Jr. and Shirley Smith

Pastor Beth opened the meeting with a reading from “*The Upper Room*” and prayer.

Don agreed to be the recording secretary.

Minutes from the February minutes will be corrected. All approved.

Worship (Shirley Smith)

Caton will have the Lenten services at South Corning on March 26. Good Friday services at 7:00 at Caton. Sunrise Services and breakfast – Ron Begell to organize breakfast. Low attendance at World Day of Prayer.

Missions (Mort Gridley)

Eight people attending Bible Study on Sunday evening.

Lay Leader (Myrna Hawbaker)

Attended a district meeting at Cortland UMC to discuss the new Conference with the Bishop. Beth and Mort also attended.

Outreach (Bob Lord) sent report

Food Pantry low. Blood Drive changed to April 28. Salvation Army dinner September 20. September 19 Chicken Bar-B-Q. St. Pauly Textile Inc. The company sets up collection points (sheds) for used clothing, picks up clothing and sells this clothing to third world countries. It would be necessary to have someone each day to go into shed, unlock and bag the unbagged clothing and place the bags at one end of the shed. After discussion, we voted that we did not want to participate in this program.

SPRC (Kathy Force)

Pancake dinner was attended by 33 persons. Youth to be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in April.

UMW (Joan Haussener)

Ham and cabbage dinner on March 21 to support Mission work in the area.

Finance (Don Haussener and Jim Hawbaker)

January/February income into the general fund was \$15,012. Total income \$17,692. Jim reported that all bills were paid.

Pastor (Beth Bouwens)

1. Helping hands to start April 13. Ten people have signed up to help. Money to support this mission will be from the Ham/Cabbage dinner. No money will be taken from the operating funds.

2. Sharon Nutting taking Lay Speakers course.
3. Year-end reports complete. Thanks to Jim, Don, Beth and Joan.
4. Books need audited – Don will contact Steve Benedict. Cost of the Audit will be \$200-300.
5. Beth will write an appeal letter for monetary donations to take with her to Nigeria. She will send thank you notes to those who donate.

ACTION ITEM: Don to set up Web Site for the Church. URL will be www.CatonUMC.org. for a cost at \$235/year.

REVIEW AND READ CHAPTER 4 “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM