

Congregational Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2011

I. **Call to Order:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was called to order and opened by Ron Rinehimer, President, at 11:30 am.

II. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Sunday School: In December 2010, the Sunday School children wrapped presents for kids at the McKinney Clinic; they also collected care packages and thermal clothing for men who utilize the clinic. Fruit baskets were made for the shut-ins. In April 2011, the Easter Party was held. In addition, a bake sale was held at the Turkey Supper; total profit was \$254.75. In May, the children made kits for tornado victims. In June, animals were purchased for the Heifer International Program. In the summer, vacation Bible school was held at Emmanuel with the theme “Shake It Up Café”. Rally Day was held in September. In October, a bake sale was held at the Turkey Supper; total profit was \$266.35. In November, turkey dinners were provided for 10 families at the McKinney Clinic. The total cost of the dinners was \$279.05. Donations of \$185.00 were received to help defray the cost; the total cost to the Sunday School was \$94.05. On December 10th, the youth group made Christmas cookies which will be for sale after the meeting.
- b. Cemetery: There is one nominee for this committee – Nate Myers. A motion was made by Nelson Horwath and seconded by Joan Rinehimer to accept the nomination and appoint Nate Myers to the Cemetery committee. Motion carried.
- c. Consistory: There are three members leaving the consistory; in addition, Meredith Martin resigned from her position. Only one member, Nelson Horwath, has been nominated for Consistory. A motion was made by Lynn Stewart and seconded by Janice Broyan to accept the nomination and appoint Nelson Horwath to Consistory. Motion carried. It was also noted at this time that anyone interested in becoming a member of Consistory would be welcomed.

III. **Budget:** For the coming year, it was decided to eliminate the Building Fund budget. All bills will be paid from the General Fund. Overall, the budget increased by approximately \$2,000 when compared to the previous year total. Allen Dennis posed a question about the oil expense; has comparison pricing been performed? He stated that Leah Oil is cheaper than Peter’s Oil by approximately \$0.20/gallon. Currently, Peter’s delivers oil on a monthly basis; Leah would accommodate either a standard monthly delivery or would deliver when called. There will be follow up on this issue. Allen Dennis also raised a question about the outside lights at the church; they are always on. Ron stated that the spotlight on the lower side of the church was changed the day before so it should no longer be an issue. The light in the upper parking lot is on a timer set to come on at dusk and go out at 11pm. This is done for safety reasons of members who are at the church in the evening; in addition, with the recent break-ins locally, it was thought this was a good idea to have the lights on. A motion was made by Steve Moyer and seconded by Jeff Shuman to accept the 2012 General Fund Budget. Motion carried.

IV. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Ron Rinehimer at 11:37 am.