

## **Congregational Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2012**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was called to order and opened by Jim Rinehimer, President, at 11:27 am.

### **II. Committee Reports:**

- a. Pastoral Relations Team: The team met two times during the past year. Members of the team are Camille Daniels, Barb DeLuca, Diana Decker, Chris Dietrich and Janice Broyan. If anyone has any problems or issues they would like to discuss, please speak with any member of the team.
- b. Sunday School: In December 2011, 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 2012, the Easter Party was held. In addition, a bake sale was held at the Turkey Supper. In July, vacation Bible school was held at Faith United Methodist Church; the theme was “Back to the Basics” and it was presented as an under the sea adventure. Rally Day was held in September; there was food, games and a moon bounce.. In October, a bake sale was held at the Turkey Supper. In November, the Fall Fest was held. In addition, turkey dinners were provided for 11 families at the McKinney Clinic. The total cost of the dinners was \$277.00. Donations of \$200.00 were received to help defray the cost; the total cost to the Sunday School was \$77.00.
- c. Mission Team: Members of this team are Lynne Stewart and Jill Bernetski. A total of 10% from all fundraisers are used for missions. Over the past year, approximately \$2,000.00 was used to help local needs. A poster was made detailing the income and expenditures over the past year; a report is also attached to these minutes. Anyone with suggestions how to utilize these funds or anyone who would like to be a member of the team is welcome to speak with Lynne or Jill.
- d. Cemetery: There is one nominee for this committee – Bill Eckrote. A motion was made by Mary Rinehimer and seconded by Gene Broyan to accept the nomination and appoint Bill Eckrote to the Cemetery committee. Motion carried.
- e. Consistory: There is one member leaving the consistory; Ron Rinehimer has been nominated for Consistory. A motion was made by Sharon Moyer and seconded by Roy Baker to accept the nomination and appoint Ron Rinehimer 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:** The Budget Team met in October to develop the 2013 budget. The team members are Jim Rinehimer, Denise Dean, Allen Dennis, Camille Daniels and Pastor Penny Dollar. The following points were noted. For the upcoming year, all proposed expenditures for benevolences will be taken from the Small Games of Chance Fund. There is an increase in the Pastor Salary and Benefits; this is due to Pastor serving for ten years. It should also be noted that for Pastor’s Health Insurance, this amount is for her personal family plan; if insurance were purchased through the UCC, there would be an increase of \$6,000 to \$7,000. For periodicals, many receipts are not submitted for reimbursement. In addition, the reimbursable mileage rate is budgeted at \$0.55/mile; this is in accordance with IRS regulations. There is an increase for Secretary’s salary. There is a savings of approximately \$400 for offering envelopes; this is due to only providing envelopes to those who use them on a weekly basis. There is an increase of 17% to the general liability insurance due to the storm related losses. Overall, the budget for the upcoming year has been reduced slightly as a result of some current year expenses being less than was actually budgeted. A motion was made by Lynne Stewart and seconded by Nelson Horwath to accept the 2013 General Fund Budget. There were two votes opposed to the proposed budget. Motion carried.

- IV. Fellowship Hall:** The floor in the fellowship hall was fixed within two weeks of starting it; it was completed two days prior to the supper. Many people came together to accomplish this huge undertaking. The only bill to date was for the blueprints; the cost of the bill was \$350. This was a significant savings as customary charges for these services range from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Roy Baker has been in contact with the contractor and a bill should be received soon. Thank you to all who came out to help with the preparation and the clean up. Thanks to your efforts the project was completed quickly and significant cost savings have been realized. There is still work to complete this project. A system will need to be installed to assist with moisture control. New carpeting will also need to be purchased. This will be completed after the holidays. To date, \$7,900.00 in donations have been received to use for the completion of this project. This does not include any money from fundraisers.
- V. Miscellaneous:** Jim Rinehimer extended a personal thank you for all the help throughout the year. He asked that, as members, we keep moving forward and continue to support the church. Pastor Penny also thanked everyone; members work hard and continue to offer support to each other. She also stated that there will be 6 or 7 potential new members in the upcoming year. Part of this is because people feel welcome.
- VI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Jim Rinehimer at 11:45 am.