

## November 10, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Rickie Smith, Linda R. Holt, Jane Sasser, Sam Moss, Pam Steele, David Benckert, Joan Sasser.

The meeting opened with scripture and a prayer by Rickie Smith.

The Secretary reported that the number of members is currently 172. Prayer concerns included Ron and Linda Holt and James Pleasants. Additionally it was noted that Betty Hall had been moved to room C8.

A motion to accept the minutes from the September 9 board meeting was made by Joan Sasser and seconded by David Benckert. The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

The minister's report indicated that since September he had made 1 hospital visits, 12 visits, 16 phone calls, sent 22 cards, and performed 2 funeral services and 1 graveside service.

The Treasurer presented a report showing the current assets of the church:

Operating Account	\$39,378.25
Funkhouser Account	\$3,506.06
Reserve Account	\$11,020.90
Endowment Fund	\$86,570.77 (as of 10/31/2014)

The church is currently meeting expenses. The treasurer will submit information about offerings as well as a year-to-date summary each month in the church bulletin.

The treasurer also indicated that Linda Perry Taxes would now be doing the payroll for the church.

### Worship Report

#### I. Events:

- Advent Candle with readings
- Poinsettia's in Honor or memory of for Christmas. Have picture or person being honored during a power point presentation. Would like for this to be a fund raiser for the youth for Craig Springs. Need to find Poinsettia's that are reasonably priced. Need to shop around.
- Dan Stevens will be onsite 11/16 during Tommy's day off.
- Zion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing. Zion will be presenting God's Squad. They are a group of teens from Zion, Mt. Carmel, Shiloh, Chapel, Elon and Oak Grove. Each week we have added a young adult or teen. Practicing started 11/2 and has been every Sunday up until 11/30. We are excited and the teens have been very upbeat. We will be singing a Gospel Song All souled up and How Great is our God.

#### Opportunities

- Acolytes: I would like to add teens and adults into the Acolyte role.
- Continue with multi church youth group. Planning to have an After Exam Bash after Exams in January. Perhaps have the Band that Dave K. had suggested at that time.
- We spoke about going bowling with this group. They are eager to keep this going.
- Week of Compassion: Dawn Barnes will be in Richmond the week of Jan. 10 – 18<sup>th</sup>. I had reached out to her to come and speak. She will be at 2 different churches on the 1/11 and 1/18 but we could possibly have her come to Zion 1/14 a Wednesday evening.

## **II. Discuss**

- Last year there was a request to change the verbiage for the Communion Table. Perhaps this is something that we could look into updating or changing this summer. Tommy has something written out and David B. has something as well.

### **Education**

The committee has been focusing on Wednesday afternoon/evening recharge.

A motion was made by David Benckert to allow the education committee to spend up to \$800 out of the general fund to pay for youth dinners providing the teenagers prepared the meals. Sam Moss seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Outreach/Evangelism Report (Margie Koogler via email to Rickie Smith)**

Outreach met on November 15 for a short meeting. We discussed the success of the Halloween festival and were very proud we had so many in the community to stop by. Some were even there the entire time. Margie posted a thank you to the community on Facebook the next morning and got quite a few people thanking us for organizing such a fun event for the children as well as the adults. Some thanked us for always having something going on for the community. Although we don't look for thank you's it is nice to get a positive response from the people outside of our church family.

Outreach also played a big part in the Hanover Sheriffs fall festival by organizing the cruise-in and booth. We had 26 cars attending the cruise-in so we feel that was also a success.

This Saturday Outreach will be hosting the first in the series of concerts. This one being coffeehouse style with free coffee, hot cider, teas, and hot chocolate. Light snacks will be served. There is a 5.00 cover charge for over 18 years old. We are asking for card tables which we would like by Thursday night to the church as well as baked goods brought either Friday, Saturday morning, afternoon or even that night. Chris Adams Band will be our featured entertainment.

### **Membership/Missions**

The Disciples Men and Women donated \$100 each for the coat/shoes fund. 9 coats with hats and gloves were purchased and delivered to Beaverdam Elementary School.

50 shoeboxes were prepared for Operation Christmas Child.

The Christmas Homecoming will be held on December 21. Ham will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

### **Property/Stewardship (David Benckert)**

Discussions regarding next steps in the sale of parsonage have been held. A realtor has looked at the parsonage and suggested an asking price of \$189,900. The realtor will meet with the committee at a future date.

The sidewalk and rail at the Christian Center have been completed.

### **Deacons and Elder Updates (Joan Sasser and Sam Moss)**

The Deacons have no issues to address at the current time.

The Elders will meet again on January 6.

## **Disciples Men**

A list of the 2015 activities was provided by David Koogler and has been posted on the church web site.

## **Other Business**

Linda Holt provided a copy of an email from Ron Holt discussing the trustee certification process. Discussion was held regarding the need to have the list of trustees updated and presented to the court for approval.

David Koogler (via email) provided the following update on the first meeting of the Old Firehouse Idea Team:

- had a very good kickoff meeting on Sunday, Nov 2
- viewed lots of pictures of old firehouses and other buildings that retained much of their original form but are used for alternate purposes such as theaters, coffeehouses, restaurants, and church activities (a church in Peru Indiana also has an "Old Firehouse" it uses for classes and fellowship opportunities)
- started process of identifying improvements that we could be made to enhance the current use of the entire building and especially the bays for worship, concerts, cruise-ins, gospel brunch, meals, youth events, etc.
- Next step will be a "field trip" in January to see three former firehouses in Richmond - Firehouse Theater on W Broad, Boaz and Ruth Cafe on Meadowbridge Rd in Northside, and Station 2 restaurant in Shockoe Bottom
- have had discussions with Buster Buchanan about securing items to memorialize history of the former Beavertown firehouse.
- a small group may attend the Spiritual Shots program at Bottoms Up pizza in early January to get an idea how this is organized and to see if something similar could work at Zion.

The next board meeting will be held on January 13.

David Benckert made a motion to adjourn, and Pam Steele seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Holt  
Recording Secretary