

Attendees: Beth Bouwens, Don & Joan Haussener, Jim & Myrna Hawbaker, Bob Lord, Emma Mosch, Eric Coons, Mort Gridley, Jr., Kathy Force and Shirley Smith.

Minutes from Jan. were read, corrected and approved.

Myrna Hawbaker agreed to be the recording secretary.

(1) Outreach- Bob Lord

1. Two grocery carts were filled each of the last two weeks for the food pantry. Sr. Citizens group donated an additional \$60 for it. Bob reminded the group that with the economy as is, the need will be even greater this winter, and we need to keep our contributions up.

(2) Nurture- Kathy Force

1. One speaker above the piano is not working properly.
2. Coffee time treats are covered for Feb. (SPRC) and March (Worship Comm.)
3. Next Family Night Supper will be (also) Shrove Tuesday, Pancake supper, on Feb. 24th at 6:30pm.

(3) UMW- Emma Mosch

1. Last mtg. was Feb.9th, attended by 13 from Caton, and 3 from Presho; they continue to work on health kits.
2. Prayer Shawl ministry continues on Tuesdays at Lillian Crosley's at 10am.
3. Mar.21st is Ham and Cabbage fundraiser dinner, 4:30-6:30pm
4. May 9th, Bake sale and White Elephant Sale to be held during Caton Days (here?) [Fire dept. having chicken BBQ this yr., combo Caton Days/Mother's Day BBQ]
5. FYI – on 2/28, Presho holding smorgasbord (seating times 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm) Call Joyce Rhodes for more info. 523-7735.

(4) Trustees –Pastor Beth reporting (Myrna off committee, new chair not yet designated)

1. While Beth was at a conference, without the wood fire going during the cold, some pipes on an outside wall burst, causing water damage in the basement. Brad Hinman and/or Rick Koerner repaired the pipes. Service Master cleaned and dried the carpet, and Bob Blanchard and Brad repaired the drywall. They will also repaint when ready.
2. Next Trustees Mtg. is scheduled for Feb. 17th and they will discuss enclosing a room (within the music room) for secure storage of instruments.
3. Also, church office is being updated/rearranged, and securing safe to the floor.

(5) Worship-Shirley Smith

1. Ash Wed. coming up Feb. 25th. at South Corning. Thereafter, the Lenten series will be held on Thursdays at S.C. this year. Good Friday Service will be at Caton at 7pm.
2. Palm Sunday, April 5th, the Youth will be doing a Passover feast, reservations req.
3. Sat., April 11 flowers can be delivered at Church for Easter Sunday.
4. Easter Sunday, April 12, Sunrise service at 7am, breakfast at 8am, Prayer and Praise at usual 9am, and Traditional service at usual 10:15am.

(6) Youth – Eric Coons

1. Eight youth will be going to Conference Youth Team at Casowasco (Eric's two children, and 6 from Caton, all first-timers).
2. The group made placemats for Founders for Valentine's Day.
3. The Palm Sunday Seder meal with scripture from Old and New Testaments; reservations will be taken and there will be a cost for participants. They will also ask adults to help with clean-up.
4. They are still working to find a "best time" for youth mtgs. and Praise band.

(7) SPRC- Kathy Force

1. Kathy announced Beth's desire for 4 month leave of absence, Aug.-Nov. this year, in order to return to Nigeria to study and teach. The SPRC approved at their first meeting of the year, and recommends it to the congregation. Beth spoke in details - feels called and compelled to return. Mort made the motion to approve Beth's 4 mo. leave, and Shirley seconded it. Motion carried 9-1.

(8) Pastor Beth

1. March 7 Ethnic dinner @ Penna.Ave.UMC, Sierra Leone cuisine, a fundraiser; Beth has tickets, \$15 each, or 2 for \$25.
2. Would like to restart "5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations". Read Chapter 4 for the next mtg.
3. In lieu of taking a winter mission trip, we are this year sponsoring a Mission Event Week during Spring Break week, April 13th-18th, titled "Helping Hands, Helping Others". Therefore, we will be looking for homes to repair (paper application),
in addition, for team members. Participants must be 12 yrs.old and older. It will close each day at church with dinner.
4. Basic lay speaking course offered at Painted Post UMC every Sunday in March, from 2-4:30pm. In addition, being offered is a pastoral care giving class, which prepares one for visitation in homes and nursing homes. Applications due by 2/21.
5. Confirmation class starts Feb. 19, from 11am-3pm; then classes will meet from 4-6pm on Sundays through the end of May. Currently there are 7 attendees registered from Caton, 4-5 from Webb Mills, in 6-8 grades.
6. March 21 is Conference Education day in Liverpool (it is a series of workshops); 3/21 is "Burning Bush" workshop.
7. On Feb. 28th Bishop Matthews will be at Cortland UMC from 9-12 to speak about new conference configuration and again on April 24 in Penn Yan.
8. The new website details: it can be developed for \$199, plus maintained for an annual fee (under \$100). Don made motion to approve implementation, Bob seconded, motion carried.
9. Beth will be on vacation from March 2-17th, in Neb. On 3/8, Mort will give sermon at both services, and Brad will do the same on 3/15. Sheila Price and Dick Hurd will be on call during that time.
10. March 6th is World Day of Prayer. Worship team is leading a prayer vigil from 6pm to 6am following morning. Sign-sheet available in narthex.

(9) Missions – Mort

1. will be offering Lenten study on Sundays at 6:30pm, “Watching the Disciples, Learning from Their Mistakes”.

(10) Finance – Jim and Don

1. The Church is running low on cash.
2. Finance report read and approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2009, 7:00 PM;