

Caton United Methodist Church Council Meeting
February 11, 2010

Attendees: Joan Haussener, Jim & Myrna Hawbaker, Nancy Huber, Linda Riley, Connie Powell, Brad Hinman, Shirley Smith, Rev. Beth Bouwens and Rev. Fred Kelsey.

Minutes submitted from January; they were read and corrected, then approved.

Myrna Hawbaker agreed to be the recording secretary. This is the first meeting of 2010 for new committee chairs.

(1) Witness – Nancy Huber (taking over for Mort Gridley, Jr.)

1. Nancy described herself as “exploring” the new committee job. Suggested the idea of making up refrigerator magnets in the size of a business card, with the CUMC name, address, phone, web address and Sunday service times printed on the front. Rev. Kelsey suggested also listing our service times in the Star Gazette, perhaps for free?

(2) Outreach – Linda Riley (taking over for Bob Lord)

1. Helping Hands, Helping Others in April; Bob Blanchard leading the project.
2. Highway cleanup: Bob Lord will recruit the Men’s Group to accomplish this
3. Pantry of Angels: as a church we will continue to support and encourage church family to remember to bring donations.
4. Pop can tabs: they go to St. Joseph’s Hospital to help support the Ronald McDonald House. Kim Clark was the last known person responsible for this.
5. Soup can labels: go to Red Bird Mission

(3) UMW – Connie Powell (taking over for Emma Mosch)

1. The District UMW Mtg. will be in Bath on 2/15/10.
2. Feb. 13th will be a luncheon after the memorial for Carl Moody.
3. Feb. 20th in the Chicken and Biscuit dinner to support the people of Haiti in earthquake relief.
4. Next meeting is Monday, March 8.

(4) Trustees – Brad

1. Will do an end-of-year report on the parsonage.
2. This year’s projects include: upgrading the sound system, work on the pastor’s office with paint, upgrading the electrical outlets, phone jacks, etc.
3. Moving forward Brad reiterated that we need to raise the capital before taking on major projects.
4. Suggested that the church remember to encourage members to consider endowments to the church when planning their estates.
5. Joan asked about the kitchen and when more work would be done there; led to point that the old freezer in the back room has been replaced (Hausseners donated as memorial to Joan’s mother.)
6. An updated list of jobs will be posted in the near future; one thing on it will be cleaning out the junk room in the basement. All takers are welcome.

(5) Pastor Fred (Kelsey)

1. He stated he is here at Caton for our support. He has met with Stacy and Beth and will serve for the six weeks that Beth is on medical leave.
2. Joan asked Fred if he would come to the next UMW meeting as John Wesley, and speak 1:30pm on March 8th.

(6) Lay Leader - Myrna

1. Discussed the documentary on the Orangeburg Massacre, named "Scarred Justice"; it is set to air on WPBS out of Watertown on 2/19/10 at 10 pm. and again later in the year; WCNY conf. will publish the rebroadcast time when they know. The documentary covers the predominantly black college S.Carolina State Univ. when a sit-in to protest the refusal of a bowling alley to serve black students turned into a massacre when police opened fire on the 200 students. Among them was the NCNY Bishop Marcus Matthews. For more on the Orangeburg massacre visit <http://www.ncnyumc.org>.

(7) Pastor Beth

1. Newsletter articles due 2/22. Joan: please thank council members going off, and welcome new ones coming on in the newsletter.
2. Beth thanked us all for our prayers during her medical crisis. The surgery is scheduled for Monday, 2/15, 11am. Stacy is coordinating a task list to make sure meals are dropped off at the parsonage on scheduled days, and that members drop in also on scheduled days to check on Beth and do any necessary jobs or errands, in a timely and quick fashion. Beth also asked for caring phone calls only during her recuperation, no business calls please.
3. The Beginnings class started on 1/31/10 (Sunday evening); Brenda Naylor and Kim Snyder leading. Ron Begell offered to do the cooking for the group. There were 30 participants the first week, then 20 the second week (probably due to Super Bowl Sun.)
4. Upcoming fundraisers: Feb. 14 – youth soup luncheon; Feb. 20, Chicken & Biscuit dinner for Haiti relief. March 20 – Elementary Youth. The one on the third weekend in April should probably be directed towards camper ships. We need someone to work with Stacy B. to head the Camper ship committee.
5. The MS/HS youth meet on Sunday evenings; sometimes they join Beginnings. Their next overnight will be 2/19-2/20: exploring relationships – peers, boy/girl. 3/12-3/13: the 30-Hr. Famine, and they will be looking for sponsors. On 3/21 the youth will again sponsor a Seder Meal.
6. The Caton Community Days will hold a fundraiser (Spaghetti & Meatball dinner) at the church on Sat., Mar.6. Also, do we want to sponsor a float in the parade on 5/8? Beth will ask the Men's group (at their next mtg. 2/20; they meet every 3rd Sat. for breakfast at Renee's)
7. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service at 7pm on Feb. 17 at South Corning UMC. After that all weekly services will be on Thursday nights. We will join Grace UMC for Maundy Thursday service. Good Friday service will be here at Caton, Kim Snyder leading. Easter: Sunrise Service led by Mort Gridley Jr.; breakfast will be overseen by Shirley Smith or Nurture committee (Candy Thompson). Prayer and Praise service will be led by Brad. The Traditional service will be led by Fred or Beth.
8. Red Bird Team: deposits close on March 1; Jim will contact Butler, N.J. There should be at least 4 going from Caton.
9. Workshops coming up:
 - March 11 Clergy begin in the morning, laity from 7-8:30pm at Penn Yan. New conference will be discussed.
 - March 20: End Poverty: Bridges & Circles, Penn Yan 9am-noon.
 - April 10: Needs Based Evangelism

- August 24 & 25: Change the World (outreach) (Fred mentioned One Great Hour of Sharing)

(8) Worship - Shirley

1. Shrove Tuesday on 2/16; planning the usual pancake supper
2. Discussion and consensus vote to set up a charge acct. at Wegman's for incidentals (Shirley has set one up for the Caton F.D.).
3. March 25th Caton UMC is hosting the Lenten service at South Corning church. Shirley will head up refreshments for the evening.
4. Joan asked if the collections at the Lenten Services still go to the Food Pantry. Dick Hurd from South Corning will decide, but probably will be distributed to the local food pantries.

(9) Finance – Jim

1. Balance and P&L sheets distributed
2. We were still in the black at the end of Jan., but the total is down compared to both the end of Dec. 2009 and also one year ago, Dec. 2008.
3. In all, since Jan. 25th Caton UMC has collected to date at total of \$1841 for Haiti relief, and sent 56 complete health kits on to the conference for Haiti.
4. The organ: we received an \$800 repair bill, as the old organ broke down just before trading it in on the new one. That, plus the \$1500 maintenance fee = \$2300. Beth suggested asking the Memorial Committee for \$2000 to help cover the cost. Joan to follow-up. We also discussed the sound system quote from Robert M. Sides; it apparently was only directed for vocals, not for the organ itself or for the band (microphone).

(10) Council chair - Joan

Goals for 2010

1. Continue and strengthen our support for the Pantry of Angels, and also the Helping Hands-Helping Others programs.
2. Mentor members to prepare to take over committee chairs.
3. Identify and encourage four new lay speakers: Nancy Huber, Ron Begell, (Candy & Butch Thompson?).
4. Continue to meet financial obligations. (numbers 2-4 mirror last year's goals).

-Fred reminded us that we were going to re-visit the 10:30am time slot for second Sunday service, and did it need to be moved back? Comments: a bit of grumbling persists, but most comments/complaints have died down. The council agreed to keep the status quo.

- The council then blessed and prayed over a prayer shawl for Beth.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March. 9 at 7pm.

(11) Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m