

Caton United Methodist Church Council Mtg.
July. 22, 2010

Attendees: Joan & Don Haussener, Myrna Hawbaker, Rev. Beth Bouwens and Steve Ritter.

Myrna Hawbaker agreed to be the recording secretary.

Minutes submitted from June; they were read and corrected as follows: the spelling of Dorthea Gridley was questioned. Joan will call Mort Sr. to confirm. Minutes approved.

(1) Lay Leader – Myrna Hawbaker

Announced new advanced Lay Speaking course in Sept.; will post on bulletin board.

Action item is to develop a Standard Oper. Procedure for reimbursement from treasurer.

(2) Steve R. - pass

(3)) Pastor Beth Bouwens

1. Met the new D.S. for Mountainview District (our new one), Cathy Hall Stengel
2. Beth thanked us all for our prayers and that her health is good; strength and hair are both returning.
3. Will lead Disciple I Bible study this fall at Caton; 34 weeks, ½ Old Test., ½ New Test., probably Tuesday or Wednesday night. Also will be another Beginnings class starting up.
4. This fall she wants to focus on sermon prep., Christian Ed. and teaching.
5. Kathy Force leading a team to put on a pig roast Aug. 21 to benefit General Fund, 4-6:30pm
In Sept., Martha Harder and Sharon Clark will host a fundraiser dinner for Water for Nigeria.

(4) Council Chair, Joan Haussener

1. RoadRunner installation @ Church has been set in motion. The charge will be \$69.99/mo. for the first three years, plus \$100 installation, which will be covered by anonymous donor. This will allow local calls only (Caton, Corning, Lindley, Big Flats, Elmira & Horseheads), or whatever else is defined as “local” to us in the phone book. Long distance not incl., but faster internet connection guaranteed.

(5) Finance, Don Haussener

1. Total giving is up \$2000 over last year, but expenses are higher. Steve asked if expenses should taper off? Yes, but not sure how much. Discussion: Should we have a stewardship campaign in the fall? We should decide by Sept.. Professional presentations are expensive. We did not use one last year; should we this year? Beth offered to develop a theme. We should all bring ideas to the Sept. mtg.
2. Don made a motion, Myrna seconded that we pay Fred the full \$500 due him for June (he offered to take much less). Motion passed unanimously.
3. Joan sent e-mail to Jim that at June UMW luncheon the suggestion was made to donate \$500 to the General Fund.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7pm.

ACTION ITEM: FILL OUT “HOW ARE WE DOING?” AND BRING TO SEPTEMBER MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m