

DEANSBORO CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Unicameral Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday May 7, 2009

In attendance – Ed Townsend, Mary Dickinson, Rick Lloyd, Ed Bishopp, Dorothy McConnell, Mary Lou Rosecrants.

Reverend Ed Townsend opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion to approve the April council minutes was made by Mary Dickinson, second by Rick Lloyd and passed.

A motion to approve the April deaconate minutes was made by Mary Dickinson, second by Rick Lloyd and passed.

Treasurer Ed Bishopp submitted reports of Expenses vs. Budget, Cash Flow, and Net Worth. The items brought up at the annual meeting were discussed. Ed will research the Curtiss Miller Book Fund now that it has been explained that the principal must remain untouched and only the principal can be spent for books. He will also look into why the ‘endowment’ line change from \$8,500 to \$7,500.

Ed also reviewed the list of potentially inactive people and made notations.

The treasurer also pointed out that the church’s listing in the yellow pages is under ‘Clergy’. Discussion followed as to whether we really need the phone at all since most have cell phones. We will try to get the opinion of others and discuss it further at a later date.

A young woman in the area would like to start a pre school and is interested in using our building. Questions arose including insurance coverage, health regulations and heating costs. Provided she gets licensed and meets codes we agreed to let her go ahead.

Communion on May 31<sup>st</sup> will be served in the pews with Rick getting the bread and Mary Lou getting the grape juice. That day, which is Pentecost, will also be installation of officers and celebration of 50 year members. We will have a coffee hour following the service. Mary Lou will get flowers for the 50 year celebrants, Mary will order a cake. The Strengthen our Church offering will also be that day.

How is congregational care being handled and how can we improve it? Dorothy is willing to continue to gather a list of people who need care and all will try to determine just what various people want or expect. Improvement can begin by:

1. Letting the congregation know that Dorothy McConnell is the central contact for those needing attention.
2. Finding out if there are people who want to be contacted and are not currently
3. Become more aware of connections being made by members that we are not aware of.
4. Keeping Ed informed of those who have concerns.

We discussed filling the Moderator and Vice Moderator position and decided that we should come up with some names for a nominating committee and should include one person from this council.

Christian Education was also discussed. What can we do to encourage participation.

A lay preacher student has chosen Ed to be her mentor. She is Myrt Delaney and will be working with Ed for six months beginning this week. A motion to approve was made by Mary Dickinson, seconded by Dot McConnell and passed.

Services will continue throughout the summer, combined with Three Steeples and Stone Presbyterian Churches. The choices will be Deansboro at 8:45am on Sunday, Stone – 10:30 in Clinton with a choir, Three Steeples will be on Thursday evening beginning with dinner at 6:00pm.

Carnations will be distributed Sunday to everyone in honor of Mother's Day. Mary Lou to get the flowers.

We agreed to put a small spotlight to illuminate the cross in the sanctuary. Mary will speak to the trustees to have this happen.

We discussed moving the meeting to the second Tuesday due to upcoming Thursday commitments for Ed. It was agreed to begin this on June 9.

The next meeting will be on June 9, 2009 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Lloyd, seconded by Dorothy McConnell and passed.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Rosecrants