

MINUTES OF THE DIACONATE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENS FALLS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2009, 7 PM

In Attendance: Kathie McCoy, Marie Ross, Julia Farenell, Peg Moody, Nancy Holmes, Caspar Green, Tammy Jones

I. Call to Order:

- A. Caspar led the group in prayer in the King Wise library.
- B. Julia made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written and Marie seconded the motion.

II. Reports:

A, Care Team: Caspar reported that the Care Team will be going around to visit the shut-ins and serve communion on scheduled days during the next 22 days left in September. These visits will be in the afternoons when people are available to go. Caspar and Clara LeBarron will go over our old shut-in list and make an updated list and a schedule. It was mentioned that Pam Isaacs and Paul Fisher should be added to the list. During these visits Caspar serves the communion. Clara LeBarron goes to most visits, Tammy has been to some this past year, and Marge Brueder had gone to some until last spring when medical reasons made it difficult for her to do so.

Caspar mentioned that he would like to extend the invitation to go on these visits to anyone in the congregation that would like to go. Marie suggested that it should be put in the bulletin each week when communion will be served that week.

B. Christian Education Team: Kathie has a full staff for teaching the Sunday school classes. Lee and Lindy Gooden are teaching preschool, Kathie teaches a multi-age class that currently includes children through 6th grade and Bill Jones is teaching the high school class .If anyone comes to church that is in the 6th -7th grade, they can decide if they would like to go to the high school or the younger class.

Children's Church -There is a schedule for "Children's Church" all made out for the whole year listing who will be heading that time each week. It is posted in the main office.

Crib Room - Kathie will ask Carol Cromwell if she would be willing to take care of the crib room this year. She asked that If anyone is interested in being in the crib room to help, please let her know. Caspar suggested a check-in / check-out procedure for child pick-up to help newcomers feel secure that they are leaving their child in a secure location. Tammy suggested that pictures be reduplicated in pairs (eg. Disney characters) to be used to identify which child is getting picked up, and by whom, according to the matching pictures.

C. Missions Team: Julia asked if we could put Community Action's needs in the bulletin and Caspar said that he could arrange that.

Christmas Child Shoebox Mission – Caspar stated that Marge is usually in charge of this. Julia stated that the Lighthouse organization stated that they prefer that items be placed in plastic shoeboxes this year rather than the cardboard boxes, so that recipients can utilize the shoeboxes for other uses later. These filled boxes are due mid November.

World Missions – Julia needs a volunteer to do the World Missions moment during the service next month. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

Mexico mission trip – A trip is in the works to visit the missionary Rick Barnes in Mexicali, Mexico in the spring or early summer of 2010. Caspar feels that we should ask the congregation who is interested in going now, and will also put information in the bulletin. Required passports should be obtained now because of the length of the procedure in obtaining one.

D. Worship Team: Nancy stated that Shirley Clark is very discouraged with the ushers and the lack of ushers. Marie stated that there is no need to buy juice to be served for communion for awhile as we have some extra bottles stored. We will still need to buy the bread each month.

Worship leaders – Caspar said that Kathie will be the Worship leader for the next 2 weeks and that Kerr Gooden will be the Junior leader, reading some of the Psalms for the next 2-3 weeks.

Wooden cross - It was mentioned that some individuals in the congregation feel that it is time that the wooden cross in the sanctuary be removed. Many felt that it should be saved as a special item brought out for Easter. It will be moved tonight and stored until then. Mike and Jeff will be asked to tighten the base so that it stands up straighter for next time.

E. Ancillary Reports:

Choir – Nancy, Tammy, Peg and Carol will sort out all of the old music in the music files soon. Kathie has given Ron Kroohn a packet of music that goes with the fall curriculum.

Library – following the library clean-up Kathie mentioned that she has informed Jon Hildreth that there are history items to be sorted out and stored. She will find some storage space for these things and for the ladies' ABWM items as well.

F. Trustees' Report: Clara reported on various topics that the Trustees discussed in their group briefly as follows:

Ladies' room – the area around the sink in the bathroom will be finished.

Baptistry – the leak in the baptistry will be sealed next month.

Wiring – Bill Jones has contacted an individual to see if he is interested in fixing the wiring in the church.

Drinking fountain – the drinking fountain no longer works and replacement parts aren't available because of its age. It would cost \$700.00 to replace it. The fountain will be removed and the pipes capped.

Front Entrance – the plaster that is falling in the front entrance hall will be replaced but the problem area is near a chimney that has been leaking. This leak will be checked first before the plastering is done.

III. Old Business:

A. Mayors for Peace: Kathie reported that Mayor Diamond and Mayor Blais answered "yes" to signing the Mayors for Peace document. There will be a ceremony in the shell in Crandall Park on 9/21 at 3 pm. Our church will be hosting an Interfaith Peace Service on Sun. 9/20 at 4:30 pm. Other events will be taking place throughout the year (art exhibits, videos, survivor testimony, etc.).

B. Fair Trade Coffee: Caspar stated that Brooke is scheduled for September to present information on the fair trade items and her experience visiting a fair trade plantation in Guatemala. We have a fund to buy fair trade coffee for individual sale. Nancy will do the computer orders. Caspar will make the first order to be ready for sale on October 4th.

C. Sabbath Day Child event: Kathie stated that she had nothing new to report on this topic but that information will be given later to launch this in October.

IV. New Business:

A. Homecoming Sunday: Caspar reported that Wanda as head of the Fellowship Committee is waiting for information as to what she needs to do for this occasion. Caspar will tell her to go ahead and order a cake that is half chocolate and half yellow as we suggested. The "Children's Moment" will start again this Sunday, as well as songs by the choir and songs projected on the wall.

Peg asked what the procedure is for funding cakes for other celebrations such as anniversaries. She wanted to know if the Fellowship Committee purchase the cakes or did the family take care of the expenses. Caspar stated that as a rule, the Fellowship Committee purchases the cakes for anniversaries if it happens to be a milestone such as a 50th year milestone.

B. Ideas Time:

Caspar would like to do something different for Homecoming and would like to get some beach balls to toss around in celebration. Marie offered to pick these up before Sunday.

Caspar's Christmas seeds planted during the Children's Moment months ago did not grow and he will try to get Frank to bring in a small tree for this Christmas time.

IV. Adjournment: At 8:04, a motion was made to adjourn by Kathie and seconded by Nancy. The next meeting will be Tues., October 13th.

Respectfully submitted by: Tammy Jones