

BOCE Meeting Summary

December, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

- Paige Basler called the December 1, 2011, meeting of the Board of Christian Education to order with 10 members present.

DEVOTON:

- As a devotion, everyone shared what he or she was thankful for.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Dawn Reagan made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, and Mary Reinhardt seconded. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you was received from Carla Grapperhaus, principal of New Douglas School, for the donation from VBS. A thank you was received from the Trunk-or-Treat Committee. A thank you was shared from Chris Uhe for the KFC college pack.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The ending balance for November 2011 was \$4,319.30 with a spending balance of \$782.70. This included \$845.00 in Turkeyfest ticket sales, and we also had \$65 In memory of donations (Judy Nagel, Dale Bloemker, & Janet Bloemker). A motion was made by Mary Reinhardt and seconded by Lorene Uhe to create a memorial sub-category for the IMO donations. The motion passed. A motion was made by Denny Conrad and seconded by Anita Cain to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
- A bill was submitted by Patty Uhe for \$133.35 for expenses associated with Salem Seekers November/December activities, Christmas Eve program accessories, etc. A motion was made to pay the bill by Sandy Ahlmeyer and seconded by Denny Conrad. The motion passed.

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SALEM SEEKERS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Attendance has still been good. Kids are working on Christmas Eve program songs. December 4 is going to be a special rotation on Joseph the Father of Jesus. On December 11, we will have Christmas Eve program practice. On December 18, the kids will go to the Bible Buck Store and will make a craft. No Salem Seekers is planned for December 25. Patty Uhe purchased ornaments for all the kids to get on December 18. On January 1, a special party is planned. 7th grade's mission is Hoyleton.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Turkeyfest was a hit. 134 people attended, which was wonderful even though not enough food was available. Next year, plenty of food will be available. A couple of changes will be made, but overall it was super. Thanks to the Men's Fellowship for covering food costs and the Women's Fellowship for Bingo prizes. Youth continue with their study of Superheroes. Middle School is still a good number of kids on Tuesday evenings. Wednesday evenings averages about 2 kids. Summer trip update: The high school trip will be NYE at Purdue July 10-13. The middle school trip will be Jonathan Creek in Kentucky July 21 – 26.

KFC'S (KIDS FOR CHRIST) REPORT:

- Sent out 8 care packages for servicemen/women. Planning a Christmas party for December 11 after church.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Jerry was not present, but via email it was reported that he was taking the Confirmation class to the Baptist church on December 11.

FOOD BASKETS:

- A total of 14 baskets were given out at Thanksgiving. We have 2 families who have returned letters for Christmas help. Corinne Fish volunteered to deliver Hoyleton stuff on Monday, December 12, and Patty Uhe was hoping to take the Kindercottage stuff that week too.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

- Most letters have been returned and speaking parts have been assigned. We discussed where the offering collected during the program should be designated. Patty Uhe made a motion to split the offering 50/50 between Highland Food Pantry (HACSM) and Bread of Life Food Pantry (Alhambra-Hamel Ministry Alliance). Mary Reinhardt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Memorial list was postponed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Planning guide postponed for January.
- There was a discussion regarding the Salem Seekers offering money collected. Several years ago, it was changed to devote all offering collected to the mission selected at that time. With the financial burden the church is facing it was discussed splitting this offering money 50/50 between mission and Salem Seekers expenses. No decision was made, and it was agreed to discuss this more in January.
- Youth Sunday will not be in January or February—most likely it will be the week after Easter, but we need to check on this next month.

CLOSING:

- A motion was made by Dawn Reagan and seconded by Denny Conrad to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Property Committee Meeting Summary

December, 2011

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wiring still needs to be done on elevator.
- Did not receive elevator certificate to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Filler and caulking was done on North side of Educational Building.
- Electrical work was done in Gathering Room.
- Electrical outlet will be put in the Storytelling Room.
- Agreed to change to white paper towels, which are more durable.
- Snow blower is ready for winter.
- Agreed to purchase pressure washer and shop vac.
- Reviewed letter from Insurance Board given to Property Committee by Church Council President.
- All restrooms were checked and are in good working condition for the Sausage Supper.
- Discussed rug cleaning after Sausage Supper to include Pastor Jerry's office.

Stewardship Committee Meeting Summary

December, 2011

BUSINESS:

- Pastor Amiri opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.
- The November financial statements were reviewed. At month's end the offering is still below the budget but the net result should allow us to repay the transfer from the Reserve Fund. It is hoped that December's offering will allow us to break even for the year.
- The statements reflect corrected amounts for Benevolence payments and a reconciliation of the accounts shows that we missed the January 2011 remittance which will be paid before the year end. We discussed adding a notation in the annual report regarding lag time between receipts for benevolence and the subsequent payment to clarify why the amounts do not match on an annual basis.
- The Church Council is expected to set a congregational meeting date for discussion of the budget on January 8, 2012.
- Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Worship Committee Meeting Summary

December, 2011

BUSINESS:

- CHRISTMAS DE-DECORATING (boo hoo) is set for Saturday, January 7. We also will be doing a little de-decorating during that week in the evenings. (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.)
- (P)NEUMA was a big topic again, and it WILL go on!!!! We believe there are members out there that will enjoy this service and its time. There will be no (P)NEUMA in December. The next (P)NEUMA worship will be on Saturday, January 15, at 4:00 p.m.
- Advent is going well.
- Pastor's Report: Work on 2012 Worship Planning Guide.
- There was some discussion about the Benediction, and we will work on it in January.
- Attendance at Salem is improving. Great job to all!!!!