

Peace Church Council Meeting

May 1, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Chuck Morine opened the meeting with prayer.

John Gnagy called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: John Gnagy, Melissa Halverson, Chuck Morine, Carol Wenger, Linda Glesne, and Andrea Mericle

The minutes were reviewed and approved as printed.

The financial report was reviewed and approved as printed.

Pastor's Report

1. The installation service was very nice; the food was good and the fellowship inspiring.
2. Gladys Baumgartner's funeral was held on April 18.
3. Andrea and Karen Glesne held worship services at the Care Center today – May 1.
4. Heather Wilke Wellendorf has asked for a letter of transfer.
5. On May 13th the Central graduates who are members of Peace will be recognized at the church service and will be presented with a gift from the congregation. The two graduates are Stacey Weber and Seth Olson. A reception will follow in Herbster Hall with cake and coffee being served. Andrea will notify the person in charge of fellowship for that Sunday that refreshments will be provided.
6. On May 20th Ron Eslinger – the interim associate conference minister – will be speaking at Peace. This is also Sunday School recognition Sunday.
7. On May 22nd, Andrea will be attending a Boundary Training Meeting. This is a required training for clergy within the Iowa conference which must be attended every four years.
8. The May 3rd meeting for new members has been postponed until September.
9. A safety panel will be installed on Andrea's office door facing the hall.
10. The Iowa Annual Conference meeting will be held on June 15, 16, and 17th. Right now Andrea and John and Sue Gnagy will be going. Carl Wessel has shown an interest in going also.

Committee Reports

A. Christian Education – Carol Wenger

Bible School registrations are out. The dates have been changed to June 11th thru the 15th. There is a question and concern about the volunteer workers. (Andrea will check with the ministerial association and get back to the council.) The last day of Sunday School is May 20th and certificates will be presented.

B. Building and Grounds – Linda Glesne

A boiler inspection was conducted on the education-office unit at Peace by Casper Plumbing Heating, Inc. from Decorah, Iowa. The problems with the high limit control are two fold. The

control is weak and out of calibration. The system circulation is low because of air in the system. The expansion tank is also water logged which causes pressure swings. The indoor/outdoor controller does not function properly and should be replaced with an electronic controller. The boiler is a 1989 model. The overall condition is good. The unit appears sound and leak free. Its efficiency is running at 77%. There is not physical sign that would warrant immediate replacement. Bleeding the system would aid considerably in distributing heat efficiently. The manual rest cost would be \$ 220.00 and indoor/outdoor control would be \$ 250.00 plus time and material cost. Carol made the motion that we contact Casper Plumbing & Heating from Decorah to do the suggested repairs on the boiler. Chuck seconded and motion carried. A boiler replacement figure was also included with the report - \$ 28,903.00. Should a furnace replacement fund be started for furnace replacement in the future?

Dennis is having a hard time finding bricks to match the building for the repair to the planter. As soon as the bricks are found, the planter will be repaired.

Trend Company from Moline, Illinois was here and measured for the elevator. It is feasible and possible to install an elevator. Should have estimates back by the end of the week for the elevator only. Contractor estimates will also have to be obtained. The committee will be meeting on Sunday, May 8th. The council will be updated at the next meeting and will decide when the information will be presented to the congregation.

Ceiling fan update: At the April council meeting it was approved that if the Memorial Fund had the money to purchase ceiling fans for the parsonage, they would cover the cost to purchase the fans. Since that meeting, Andrea has met someone who might be willing to give-or sell us fans at a reduced price. She is waiting for both answers – from the Memorial Committee and the person with the used fans.

C. *Worship/Membership – Chuck Morine*

Dawn Flippen of the Dubuque Seminary was here on April 15th for pulpit supply. Pulpit supply will be needed for June 17th (Iowa Annual Conference), August 5th and 12th (Bay Back Mission Trip), and September 2nd (Continuing Education Retreat). The committee has a meeting scheduled for May 8th to discuss the pulpit supply, review the Lenten services, and to plan summer music. A suggestion was made to ask for lay help for pulpit supply. Sue Stott and Dorothy Hulbert are new additions to the Worship/Membership Committee.

D. *Visions/Churchmanship – Melissa Halverson*

Ticket sales for the Sizzling Summer Brunch have begun and seem to be going really well. Tickets for the Brunch are \$ 5.50 each in advance and are not included in the family donation of \$ 20.00. The pledges from the Saddle Bag Drive will be given to the church secretary, Chris, to be recorded. A reminder will be sent to members in September to update them on their contributions. Chris will also prepare statistical data concerning the pledges.

Old Business

The Federated Music Teachers meeting went really well. The church was used for a bell choir performance and a meal was served.

Andrea's installation service was great. Attendance was great and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. A BIG THANK YOU to Jeannette Schuety and Syd Morine for chairing the event. IT WAS A GREAT JOB!

A Fall Festival meeting will be set up and a committee formed.

New Business

1. Building Rental - Suzy Hilgerson has requested to use Herbster Hall on May 30th from 6 to 10 P.M. for the Dairy Princess/Little Miss Squirt/Junior Dairyman Night. Chuck made the motion to allow the use of Herbster Hall on May 30th for the fee of \$ 35.00, to cover custodial cost, and to add kitchen to the rooms needed list on the Building Use Form. Linda seconded and motion carried.
2. Mabel Zurcher Death Benefit- John reported that Peace received a check for \$ 20,568.00 from an annuity that Mabel Zurcher had named Peace Church as beneficiary. There was discussion with different suggestions on how the money could be used. Until a definite decision is made, Linda made the motion to place the money in a 6 month time certificate at Central State Bank. Melissa seconded and motion carried.
3. Pulpit Supply – Pulpit supply will be handled by the worship committee.
4. Summer Office Hours – Chris has requested to have Mondays off during the summer. She will work from 9 until 2 on Tuesday thru Friday. **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.**
5. Office Key – Jane Metcalf has requested and will be given an office key.
6. Tidings Financial Statement – The financial figures for the Tidings will include total contributions and total expenses for the month and how it relates to the budget with year to date figures.

Andrea closed the meeting with prayer at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Glesne, Secretary