

Peace UCC Council Minutes

April 6, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Steve McCorkindale, Andrea Mericle, Verna Kuehl, Shannon Durbin, Carl Wessel, and Clark Ott

Absent: Julie Tschirgi

Guest: Dennis Butikofer

Opening Prayer: Andrea provided a prayer for the storm and the council

Minutes were read: Kuehl motioned to approve the minutes. Wessel seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report was reviewed. Ott moved to approve the financial report. Kuehl seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education – No report

Building & Grounds – Wessel offered to have bushes on the grounds removed that were crowding the buildings.

Worship – Ott reported that the committee had one meeting and primarily discussed Rural Life Sunday, April 25th. Bring your tractor and leashed pet to service.

Missions – Durbin will be meeting with Jane Metcalf in two weeks to discuss.

Finance – No report

Pastor's Report – Mericle reviewed visits and officiating that she performed. 15-18 people attended the Sinsinawa trip. She is now a member of the Elkader Sister Cities board. Peace has received a free DVD of the movie "Amazing Grace" which will be kept in the church's library for free viewing.

Old Business

Automatic doors – Butikofer presented the low bid for two automatic doors (one door for the entrance by the intersection of Main St. & Spruce St. and one for the door by the church office) that was submitted by Mobile Glass Inc. The total cost is \$3931. The doors will not change, but equipment will be added. Openers will be radio operated like a garage door and will not be directly wired. The church will have to provide power to the doors. Motion was made by Durbin to approve the cost and to pay for it through the building improvements budget. Ott seconded. Motion carried.

Back room floor – A plywood underlayment which provides air circulation for the floor of the back room was suggested by Butikofer to save the current floor cover from heavy, wet moisture. The cost would be approximately \$1800 to \$2000. A fan system would cost extra. Wessel made a motion for Butikofer to pursue this option to purchase and repair the floor. Kuehl seconded. The motion was carried.

Congregational meeting – Meeting will be April 11th after church. Meeting will be for whether the church should replace the current deteriorating boiler system with the recommended two boiler system - one half of the cost to be borne by the Memorial Fund & savings, the other half to be borne by congregational pledges and donations.

Fall Festival Committee – need a chair, it will be brought up at the congregational meeting. Durbin said that she would be on it. A co-chair would still be needed. If the fall festival does not

happen or bring in amounts comparable to previous fall festivals, other funding sources may need to be considered.

Church Brochure – There was discussion on format, photos, printing and costs. The recommended printing style for the number of brochures the church would probably consider having printed was “high speed”. A sample of high speed printing was presented. A motion by Ott to purchase 500 brochures for \$225 using high speed printing was made. Wessel seconded. Motion carried.

Paint the bell tower louvers & wash the stone on the steeple – Butikofer found a contractor to handle the task for \$1400 compared to previous estimates for around \$8000. Wessel moved that Butikofer have the contractor perform the tasks of painting the louvers and washing the stone on the steeple for \$1400. Kuehl seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Bell Maintenance – The bells should have regular maintenance. No maintenance has been done since they were purchased in 1992. Joan Strauss recommended a company that would come to Elkader to perform the maintenance. The cost would be \$1700. Wessel moved that the maintenance be performed by the contractor Strauss had found. Ott seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Services funding request – The council supports providing funding from the church and encourages its members to separately support funding for the Emergency Services building. The council tabled the request until its May meeting to determine how much money the church should donate.

Garden Brunch update – Costs from Dad’s Belgian Waffles remain the same for a minimum of 337 patrons (400 came to the breakfast last year) although the cost of gasoline is now added onto the base price if it rises above \$3.50 per gallon. The council recommends that the cost for tickets remain the same - \$7 at the door, \$6 ahead of time and children 5 and under eat free.

Spring Work Days – April 10th & 24th - There are two spring work days since the fall work day had to be cancelled.

Discernment Committee for Pam Reinig – a committee needs to be formed for determining Reinig’s pastoral development. The pastor, church president and one other member from the congregation will be on it. Past presidents will be the first ones asked to complete the committee. Training will be provided for the committee.

Freedom Bank Resolution – A new resolution was made for Peace UCC to authorize Sandra Kramer, Chairperson of the Finance/Memorial Committee and Church Secretary, Kristine Stark to be co-signers of all checks and transfers of the Freedom Bank accounts. Ott moved to pass the resolution. Kuehl seconded. Motion carried.

Quarterly giving reports – the suggestion was made to change the frequency of the giving statements. Costs for each mailing are approximately \$44/quarter. The council decided to change the reports to semi-annually – July and January.

Adjournment – Ott moved to adjourn the meeting. Wessel seconded. Motion carried.

After the meeting the council looked at the water that had entered the fellowship hall through the two doors from the storm - an item for a future agenda.