



# CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WOOSTER, OHIO

## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

**September 8, 2009**

Board Chair Jane Stout called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 32 members signed in and 2 excused. Opening prayer was by Rev. Kevin Phipps.

Rev. Phipps and the rest of the staff conducted an exercise recognizing the activities of the church over the last 3 months, how we feel about the church, how we feel about the society around us, and how all that affects what we expect from the church. The final answer seemed to be 'we are in the wilderness' and we need to recognize that and be gracious to one another as we work toward the Promised Land.

**Executive Committee** - Jeff Gilson reported they had met but there was nothing to bring to the Board.

**Deacons / Communion Servers** – Dottie Snyder has asked to be relieved as Chair. A new chair will be chosen following next month's Board meeting.

**Deacons/ Communion Preparers** – no report

**Elders** – annual workshop will be on Saturday, Sept 26 with Dr. Dick Hamm presenting. Dr. Hamm will also be with us to preach on Sept. 27

**Trustees** – Rev. Joel Engman reported for the trustees:

- Tree lawn trees will be cut down with four new trees to be planted. The sidewalk will be repaired. All work will be done at no cost to the church and paid for by the City of Wooster. Thanks to Craig Sanders for initiating this work.
- The AED machine is in place. Training classes are scheduled to learn to operate it and also to perform CPR.
- The church has been awarded a \$4,000 grant for the lot at 355 N. Buckeye from the STEPS/ Lorson House. The funds are on deposit with Main Street Wooster. The trustees will be meeting with STEPS soon to discuss how to use these funds.
- It was noted that the steps to the Education Building are deteriorating. The trustees were asked to please investigate repairs.
- A yellow jacket hive has been removed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restroom thanks to Bill Styer.

**Finance Committee** – Scott Chapman reported the stewardship campaign will begin on Sept 20. This is an important time in the life of the church as we will be changing the way we write our budget from hoping we'll get what we ask for to writing a budget based on the intention of giving of members and friends of the congregation. We need to remember that ministry is not just what the staff does. Scott asked the Board to be prayerful about the ways we support the ministries of the church. He encouraged people to make a habit of giving from their first fruits instead of giving from what's left. There will be a Bible study associated with this Stewardship

Campaign. The studies will be offered at three different times: Sunday evenings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday mornings. We hope for a large participation, particularly from members of the Board.

**Employee Handbook** – Lucy Drabenstott reported the Employee Handbook is finished and is ready for review by legal counsel.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Larry Drabenstott reported the celebration will be held throughout the year 2010 as we remember the charter of the congregation signed on July 23, 1835. The following events are scheduled:

- April – performance by the Accent quartet featuring our own Wayne Gilkey
- May and June – pageants / plays by our youth
- June 27 – annual strawberry social
- July 25 – charter resigning, chicken barbecue, showing historic videos and creating a new video of members of the congregation today
- Sept – Homecoming weekend in conjunction with the Wayne County Fair
- October – Laura and Rick Hall in concert – they will also be at the Regional Assembly courtesy of Central Christian Church

Larry also announced there would be several give aways including pencils, pocket planners, church history books, and yo yos. There will be opportunities to purchase a church history DVD, dated Christmas ornaments, a Cats Meow collectible of the church, and coasters.

Through the generosity of some members of the congregation an Historical Marker will be placed on the front lawn with one side giving the history of the building and the other side the history of the congregation.

\*\*\***MOTION**\*\*\* by Larry Drabenstott, second by Gary Kobs, that the treasurer be authorized to pay expenses not to exceed \$8,500 with money to come from the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE BOARD:**

The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were approved on motion of Gary Kobs, second by John Zimmerer.

The treasurer's cash flow report printed on Sept 8, 2009, was presented by Sue Wohlford. We do not anticipate having to move any more money through the end of 2009. Giving has stayed consistent through the summer. Report accepted on motion of Lucy Ewing, second by David Bowden.

There was no old or new business to present.

Jane Stout closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Rev. Kevin Phipps