

## WEST DOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 16, 2010

**Present:** Charlotte Bond (LKG), Leni Brown (Deacon), Alan Jones (Trustee), Chuck Gentilin (Mod.), Rev. Emily Heath (Pastor) Laurel Cashman (Treas.) and Jill Gentilin (Clerk).

**Opening:** Emily opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes were read and approved without change. Laurel passed out a spread sheet that showed our income is down by 15%. Our spending is down but there is a net loss of \$813 year to date.

Brenda Adcock's name has been removed from the checking account and has been replaced by Rev. Emily Heath. Nelson is now second assistant treasurer and the bank records reflect that. Jill moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted subjected to audit. The motion passed.

**Deacons' Report:** A service for "Blessing of the Bikes" has been scheduled for Sat. July 10 at 10:30 AM. It was suggested that they talk to the owner of the Grey Ghost Inn since he tends to coordinate activities for motorcyclists. Allen asked if anything had been done about putting Bible verses down in the Activity Room. Leni said they were thinking of making or buying banners appropriate to the seasons and rotate them from the Activity Room to the Sanctuary. Jill said she was interested in starting Sunday school and would commit for July and August. She also asked that the Deacons considered the change in special offerings that had been voted on at the last Congregational meeting.

**LKG:** The LKG will be visiting Nell Domina on June 24. Anyone who would like to join them may. The Annual Birthday Luncheon will be held on July 13 at 12:30 PM Charlotte said the LKG would go to Mt. Snow Country Club for the luncheon.

**Trustees:** Allen said the spring meeting went well. He still needed to check on the cots as that was one job that had not been done. He plans to organize a Sunday or Wednesday to get people to work on the garden.

A cabinet has been purchased for the Wii. A date still needs to be set for the painting.

The Trustees want to check with the fund raising committee and start a fund to fix the steeple and for general maintenance. The Bicentennial Committee has requested the use of the Activity Room for a history presentation. We hope to have the Bell Choir perform after this presentation. We are thinking they would play a song and then someone would get up and read something about the history of the church. Then they would play again and so on. Since this would be a long time to ask people to stay we thought it would be good to have some refreshments.

Charlotte said the LKG would take care of this.

**Pastor' Report:** Emily said she was concerned about the snakes living around the back of the church that might find access to the basement. Allen said he would check on this.

She would like to talk with the Trustees about setting up a Stewardship Committee. to plan a stewardship campaign. She is also planning a "Blue Jean" casual worship service for a week night. It is hoped that she can get some guitar music for this.

Emily has also been cleaning up/organizing the library. She thought that seeing a church that is cared for by the congregation makes a better impression.

### **Outreach Committees:**

**Spiritual Enrichment:** Emily report that a discussion about different Christian religions and other religions is planned. They are also talking about starting a book discussion group.

**Benevolence Committee:** They have not met but want to talk with the Deacons about the special offerings. They would also like to coordinate some activities with the Older Adults and the Family and Children groups.

There was no report from the Older Adult Program or Families and Children. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Gentilin

These minutes have not been approved.