

Work of the Church May 3, 2015

Meeting opened in Prayer with pot luck preceding meeting. Present: Bernadette Tuthill, Barbara and Dick Cover, Pastor Craig and Jen Paschal, Amy Wise, Connie and Leonard Goodell, Gene and Maggie Anderson, Holly Crusier, Roma Ewing, Esther Cook, Jeanne Archambeault, Kim Schultz and Margie Russell.

Trustees: Pastor Craig reported that the kitchen is finished except for a little touch-up paint work and an open house is forthcoming. Ben Wolcott is President of Trustees and has fixed a leak in the sanctuary, sprinkler heads and a leak in restroom of Fellowship Hall. Leslie and Chris have helped complete some painting work.

Jack Ott Memorial: Mary Ann would like a deciduous tree planted in front of the Fellowship Hall in Jack's memory. The old, scalped tree and two others growing too close to the Fellowship Hall will be removed. Holly will assist Mary Ann in choosing the new tree, getting estimates for removal, etc. Connie moved, Bernadette seconded motion to get estimates to remove trees and get new one.

Alexander Memorial: Gwen is considering new sanctuary doors. Nodie's memorial service will be Sunday, June 7 near Jackson Lake with an ice cream social.

Gardens: Connie mentioned that the final phase of the gardens is to put up a pergola at the back of the Sanctuary. This is intended for quiet meditation. Two options were looked at. Amy moved and Esther seconded to look into possible local purchase and get more information. Motion passed and perhaps this will be completed this summer.

Barb wondered about replacing railing on the front steps of the sanctuary as well as correct some concrete work. The hardwood floor in the Fellowship hall needs refinished. The Trustees are in charge of these tasks. Margie will get this list to Gwen for Trustee consideration.

Meeting minutes will be sent to Dana Peterson to be posted on church website.

Finance: See attached Treasury report. The parsonage remodel went over budget by \$200. Many other small plumbing and electrical repairs were also made. Church giving is good and Pastor Craig reiterated that giving should be out of gratitude, that sharing is a blessing. Leonard is stepping down as Finance Chair and Mukui Howser has been approached to take this over. She is blessed with finance knowledge and is led by God.

Youth Mission Trip: Pastor Craig will take 8 youth to T'saile, AZ for a mission trip July 5 - 12.

Other dates Pastor Craig will be out of town:

May 24 - family trip

June 14 - Annual Conference

August 23 - taking Andie to college

Pastor Craig introduced Kim Schultz exploring her ministry call with Craig's assistance and has requested a mentor from the District Superintendent.

Gene praised Pastor Craig's sermons, especially today.

Centering Prayer group has been going for 4 years and many have really felt closer to God.

Parish: Pastor Tom is leaving Cortez for Estes Park and Paster Rick is leaving Dolores for Ft. Morgan.

Margie brought up a way for us to coordinate dinners/funeral receptions, etc. that we as a church provide. Barb will make a sign-up sheet for these coordinators to fill in for 2 or 3 months out of the year. These folks will do the calling, planning, etc.

Kim shared her interest in ministry. She wants to share experiences with others and God. The pathway is opening in front of her after travels and it seems to be falling into place.

Youth Groups: Jen told of the 18-25 middle schoolers that love their Wednesday night meals and Godly Play stories. High School youth meet on Monday.

Graduating Seniors: Sam Fleitz, Maya Bonde, Andie Paschal, Courtney Colyer, Nigel Henry and Brandon Hood-Farley will all graduate in two weeks from MHS. They have all been active in our church. Esther moved to give each \$200. Kim seconded. The motion passed. Money will come from the discretionary fund. Esther will send each a card and check.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Margie Russell, Secretary