

**Congregational Free Church of Christ**  
**Sunday, July 19, 2009**  
**10:20 A.M.**

President Tim Snyder called the meeting to order.. Pastor Jeff gave an opening prayer.

**Roll Call:**

Pastor Jeffery Stonesifer	Present
President Tim Snyder	Present
Vice-President Brian Zeiber	Absent
Treasurer Henry Shoener	Present
Secretary Cathy Teter	Present

The meeting being held on Sunday, July 19, 2009, cannot be considered an official meeting since there were not enough members for a quorum.

**Minutes:**

Copies of the June minutes were distributed to all present. A change was made to the June minutes. Under Good of the Order a correction was made to the name of the speaker. The speaker's name was Willard Dellicher. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Anna Shoener and seconded by Mary Harrold. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Henry Shoener presented the Treasurer's report. The income for the month was \$2,084.08. Expenses for the month were \$4,485.13. Some of the expenses were \$26.59 for gas for the mowers and the quarterly payment to Westfield for insurance. There are three more payments on the mower. Also, the armrests on the mower have been put on the mower. The opening checking was \$8,625.63. The amount left on the mortgage is \$51,467.21. Shortly we will be locking in on gas for the 2009/2010 heating season. There is a balance of \$6,224.58 in the General Fund. That amount includes \$1,462.22 for Sunday School. Under the Chapel Fund we have a total income of \$117.00 for the month. The opening checking was \$497.85 plus the income of \$117.00. The expenses for the month were \$59.75. Closing checking balance is \$555.10. We also have a bank CD @ 2.3percent for 6 months worth \$6,214.60. Total worth of the chapel fund is \$6,769.70.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jeff reported that anyone interested in attending Bible School at Christ Church of McKeansburg should let Linda Waltman, Crystal Snyder or myself know. The form to be filled out for Bible School is on our internet site. We had a celebration of life for Joe Morrison. We had very favorable responses from the people attending the service regarding the building, grounds, food and hospitality the people were very impressed. Funerals will be changing as time goes on. It used to be that the body was in the house for viewing and then the trend went to viewing the person in the funeral home. Now it seems that trend is for a celebration of life service and people are using the church instead of the funeral home. It seems that things are becoming simplified.

The name of the guest speaker for next Sunday, August 2nd is Rev. Christa Rarick. We will have communion on August 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Sunday instead of the first Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also have a baptism on the second Sunday. Crystal Paul is having her baby baptized. On July 27 and 28 I will be attending Validation Therapy Session and then I will attend the last two sessions on Validation Therapy in September. I will be away from Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. If you need to be in contact with me, just call Karen and she will be able to track me down.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School** – Crystal Snyder reported for Sunday School. Crystal thanked everyone who is helping with Sunday School especially Amanda Werner and Lisa Dunkle. We are currently studying Joseph. We also have some very small children who are coming to Sunday School.

**Fund Raising** – Anna Shoener spoke for fund raising. We will have a sub sale on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The orders must be turned in by August 9<sup>th</sup>. The meat for the subs is coming from a different place this time. We made some subs yesterday as samples and they are here for people to try. We would like your comments on the subs. I have some information on shirts. One of the organizations in the area are selling golf shirts for \$15.00 and tee shirts for \$9.00. There are two different places in our area that make shirts. One is in Schuylkill Haven and there is one in downtown Pottsville. It was suggested that we have the same picture on the shirts as is on the bulletin and some kind of wording stating our church's name. If the picture is too costly, we could just use wording. A computer printout could be used to make the picture, but how they would hold up after several washings was something that would have to be checked out.

Crystal and Tim Snyder will get some samples of printouts from Staples and will purchase some shirts to see how they would look and how they would last.

Anna also stated that there will be Heritage Days again this year.

Mary Harrold stated that the Sargent did get the packages that we sent to Iraq and said that they were very much appreciated and thanked everyone.

**Building and Renovations** - Henry Shoener reported that we need to give a lot of credit to the people who do the mowing. Phil Orwig is doing a lot of the work and he is doing a great job. Ned Killian is working on the memorial project for Toni Vacula and Paula Killian and it is really looking very nice. We have two Lawn Boy mowers out in the shed. I will be willing to purchase one of the mowers for \$25.00 and Marv thinks that he might have the other mower sold for \$25.00 also. Tim Snyder said that he would look at the weed wacker up in the shed to see if he can get it started. Anyone who can help with any of the outside work would be greatly appreciated.

Henry Shoener stated that the furnace needs to be cleaned and he will ask Bob Harvey to help clean the furnace. Bob Harvey does that kind of work.

Marv Teter stated that he will be picking up the new push mower within the next couple of days. It will be a Toro purchased from Home Depot at a cost of \$349.99. Also, I will try to do some Roundup work in places that the mowers can't go.

Tim Snyder thanked Henry Shoener for all his help with mowing the grass. Also, I did give information to Norm Lengel from Heidelberg Church on hall rental and kitchen rental charges. This will give us some idea of what churches charge for hall and kitchen rentals so that perhaps we can make some money on our rentals.

**Fellowship Group** – Tim Snyder reported that the game night has been changed from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>. The time is still 6:00 p.m. and it will be a covered dish.

The question was raised as to whether we are going to help sponsor Abby Van Luvancee, who will be going on a mission trip to Zimbabwe. Abby leaves on September 24<sup>th</sup> and will return on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Henry Shoener made a motion that we hold a bake sale at Boyer's and give all of the profit to Abby. Mary Harrold seconded the motion and the members present at the meeting agreed to a bake sale on August 29<sup>th</sup>. We should have a site on our churches Web with Abby's information.

Tim Snyder stated that due to our churches heritage we should do some sort of outreach functions for the missionaries.

**Old Business** – Phil Orwig took a sample of the church's water to be analyzed. The report came back that the water is not drinkable. The water contains bacteria and fecal matter. The problem could be temporarily resolved by putting chlorine tablets or clorex in the well.

Ned Killian and his daughter, Amanda, were working on their memorial project and I told them about the water problem. Amanda said that her husband, Mathew Shiffer works with water. Mathew stated that he could put a stainless steel tank with an ultraviolet light in the well and that would eliminate our water problem. He said he would do it at his cost which would be \$300 or \$400 and this would be done in the name of Toni Vacula and Paula Killian. Since we serve dinners here it is recommended that we have the water tested quarterly for bacteria and nitrates. The cost of the water analysis is \$42.00. Henry Shoener made a motion that we contact Mathew Shiffer and get the job done. Marv Teter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eventhough, there was no quorum at this meeting it was determined that the water situation is an emergency and needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in reading the formal report sent to us from Pottsville Environmental Testing Lab regarding our water, please see the secretary.

At last month's meeting the amount of money we were paying for phone service was questioned. Mary Harrold got in contact with Verizon and they told her that our bill is a flat rate. However, our long distance calling could be changed to \$5.00 per month. The new rate is now \$20.00 less than what we have been paying.

**Good of the Order** – Tim Snyder reported that one family from the Emmaus Community has a member, Kyle Shenley is in Afghanistan and we are asking that he be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

**Future Dates** – The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

President Snyder led the attendees in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Catherine L. Teter  
Secretary