

## Clarence UMC January 2011 Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting of the Clarence UMC board held their on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 with the following present: Barbara Chittum, Kent Weisenborn, Terry Mefford, Susan McCarty, David Masten, Lee & Sharon Schoonover, Jeff Barry, Amy Presson, and Pastor Larry.

Terry called the meeting to order and Pastor Larry had the opening prayer. Minutes were read by Amy, which were approved as read. Amy then gave her treasurer's report which was also approved as presented.

David Masten, chairman of the Trustees, reported that the church will take possession of the Branstetter house around the end of January.

Terry thanked Pastor Larry for not asking for reimbursement for his expenses this past year.

Lee gave the finance report and then presented a preliminary budget for 2011. There is a need to increase income if possible in order to meet expenses. The budget has about a \$10,000. Deficit in general and building funds in spite of conservative budgeting. Discussion followed. The preliminary budgets for the building and the general funds were approved. Lee will talk to the congregation about the budget on Sunday, January 9.

Men's Group: the Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be Feb. 5 beginning at 6 a.m. through lunch time.

Barbara reported the Centennial did not cost the church anything. The History Books are being published and will soon be delivered. 135 books were ordered.

Susan asked about helpers for the youth and Kids After School groups. The church is not in compliance with Safe Sanctuary regulations for the After School group. There are five adults needed. Susan is going to try to get workers scheduled to help.

Susan asked about shortening the newsletter to save on paper and printing.

The prayer chain was discussed. Sharon Schoonover will work on redoing the phone tree & adding texting /emailing.

Terry said the organ is getting some age on it and has started developing problems. This may be an expense in the future. Barbara will talk to Ida Hull about memorial money from Dr. Hull going to the organ fund.

Pastor Larry passed out his monthly report. World Day of Prayer will be at our church, but it is still in the planning stages. Larry thanked our church for support of the ministerial alliance. Lent starts March 9. Ash Wednesday Service will be at UMC. Barbara reported that we use to pray in the church for 24 hours. It was very good and something we should consider.

Susan closed the meeting with prayer.