

Clarence UMC Monthly Board Meeting

Members of the Clarence UMC Advisory Board met for their first monthly meeting of 2011 on March 2. Due to an enormous 17" snow storm no January meeting was held. Those attending the March meeting were David Masten, Kerry McCarty, Susan McCarty, Barbara Chittum, Ruth Wood, Jeff Barry, Sharon Schoonover, Pastor Larry, Terry Mefford, Lee Schoonover and Lynda Proper.

Chairman Terry opened with a devotional which challenged each to "You can do what you can do. Each is unique. We are who we are, and we cannot change others."

In an opening prayer, Pastor Larry asked God for his guidance. Secretary Lynda read the January minutes which were approved as read. Lee presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Amy Presson. The report was reviewed and accepted.

Donations in the amount of \$1,254.10 were raised to send to Arch Methodist Church of Hannibal for their mission work of building concrete block homes in Nicaragua.

It was stated that all who will be working with children need to be Safe Sanctuary Certified including Sunday school teachers, Kids After School leaders, Youth Groups leaders, and nursery workers and all assistants for each of these groups. David read a current list and expiration dates. Dawn will have a training session Saturday morning. After this all certifications will only be done on line.

Ruth reported that the new canopy was damaged by the recent snow load on it. Some panels need replacing and addition reinforcement supports added. This is a \$600 expense which the John Wood family will pay.

With the recent rain, there was water in the basement Monday night, again. It was in the nursery and the north east corner. It is probable that the carpeting in the nursery may need replacing. The drain was clogged, and there was too much water for it to handle. Also stated was the fact that the street is higher than church property, therefore street water drains towards the church. Water also flooded into the Fellowship Hall, possibly blowing in under the walk-in door.

The recent Sausage and Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Men's Group netted about \$1,300. These funds help with the cost of helping send children to summer camp at JoOta. Sign-up for camps has begun, with the men supplying \$100 and the UMW adding \$25.00 for each camper. Vouchers are available for early registrations from the district.

Ruth reported that she had spoken with Ida Hull about the memorial for Dr. Hull. Ida stated that the memorial could be designated to the organ fund for repairs or a new organ as needed.

Barbara had picked up the history books from the printer at Kirksville the past week. She noticed a problem with the binding, as it appeared the incorrect binding had been used. It is a weak binding and has already begun to pull away from the back spine and raveling was noticed. Discussion followed with the board deciding not to accept the books. Barbara was instructed to gather up the books she had already distributed and return all to the printer. She was asked to negotiate with the printer to resolve the problem. She will contact them and see what can be done.

The annual Birthday Dinner was discussed with the date set at March 27. Susan will make a sign-up poster to allow those who want to decorate for each monthly table.

Susan also announced that Saturday, March 12 there will be a card party at the church starting at 6:30. McCarty's will host. Refreshments are carry-in.

Special offerings will be taken for the Back to School with Pride of Shelby Co, and later for Special Olympics, with times to be announced later.

Meeting was adjourned.