

Clarence UMC Board Meets

Members of the Clarence UMC Board met July 7, 2010 at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting. Attending were Lee & Sharon Schoonover, Ruth Wood, Barbara Chittum, Susan McCarty, Dawn Masten, Jeff Barry, Pastor Larry, Amy Presson, Ivan & DeEtte Carroll, and Lynda Proper.

Because of the absence of Chairman, Terry Mefford, the meeting was led by Jeff Barry. Pastor Larry opened with prayer.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Amy presented the treasurer's report. She stated that the church had received a \$1,000 donation to be used for the purchase of the additional TV monitor needed for the back of the sanctuary. This monitor was part of the grant request which we had received earlier. The total cost of installing the monitor is \$2,100=2,200. Amy and board reviewed the financial report which indicated we are about \$6,000 over our budget, in part because of the low estimate for utilities. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Jeff presented the report for the Trustees. The only item was discussion about the cover for the outdoor electrical switch.

The Ice cream supper held during the Clarence Homecoming netted \$613.00. This will be divided equally between the VBS, Scholarship, and Youth Groups Programs.

Susan reported that the Meals in the Park, for the kids have been going well. This summer we are only serving about 20 daily, and she believes it is because of the restrictions placed on us by the government such as they must eat in the park, and we cannot have any to-go boxes.

Amy reported on the upcoming VBS. Plans are coming together. She has placed an advertisement in the Courier promoting the event. Hopefully this will have more children interested in attending.

Ruth reported about the play ground. Boards will be replaced as needed and the canopies will be wood rather than canvas. New sections will be added, and 3 new swings bought. It has already been sealed and Ivan will put down new ground cover which will complete the project. They will have this done by Saturday, July 24, before the start of VBS begins.

Ruth also reported that the new cover for the east patio will be erected this weekend. It was bought from Tri-State Carports, Inc. \$394.50 has been paid with a balance due of \$3,250.50 upon completion. They want a cashier's check at that time. Amy will prepare it.

DeEtte thanked Pastor Larry for updating the church marquee each week.

Bob and Norma McCollum have reserved the church basement for their 60th wedding anniversary on the 23rd.

Lee announced that the annual fish fry will be August 21st with serving to begin at 5 p.m.

Barbara presented the history rough draft by passing around a loose leaf notebook with proposed pages. It will have 200 pages, and she is still requesting biographies from anyone who still wants to be included. She was seeking opinions as to the inclusion of the membership list. The consensus was that it should be included.

Dawn spoke about the need to have afterschool and youth programs this fall. School will be starting soon and a decision needs to be made and a leader found who will chair these events.

It was noted that there is a need to have the Lay Leadership committee meet to appoint several people to offices. A meeting will be held tomorrow night, Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Pastor Larry would like to have a Bible study, "Beginnings", this fall. Because it is an expensive study, he would pay for it out of his continuing education fund. He also presented the order of service for the new "Contemporary" Saturday night service which will begin August 14th. It will be a Luau, serving hamburgers, hotdogs and chips previous to the service. The board voted to approve the addition of the service weekly each Saturday night from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lynda is to make a flyer to advertise this service and post it around town.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lynda Proper