

Clarence UMC Board Meeting
November 10, 2010

The Clarence UMC Board met for their delayed monthly meeting on Nov. 10, 2010. Attending were Amy Presson, Pastor Larry, Terry Mefford, Barbara Chittum, Sharon Schoonover, Dawn Masten, Ruth Wood, Susan McCarty, and Lynda Proper. Chairman Terry opened the meeting with the scripture taken from Titus 2: 7&8, which states that it is the responsibility of all to be what we should be so that nothing bad can be said about us. Pastor Larry then opened with prayer.

Some ladies from Arch UMC of Hannibal presented a short program to support their mission project for the Rainbow Network. They are building a community in Nicaragua of 25 houses. Twenty are already built. These homes are 20'x20' made of concrete blocks on a concrete floor. Cost is \$3,000 each. They are seeking funds from other churches in the district to complete the last five houses. They have broken down the cost at \$5 per block as they use 600 blocks per house and pledges can be by the block if desired. The deadline is April 2011. They are planning another trip to the site in August and invited anyone who wanted to go with them. After discussion it was decided to invite them to come and make their presentation during church services on January 16th with a special offering to be taken at that time. The ladies were then excused.

The business meeting began with the reading of October's minutes which were approved as read. Amy presented the treasurer's report which was reviewed and accepted. Terry reported for the Trustees: gravel had been delivered and spread for the alley and the parking lot will be graveled later in the week. We were offered the property on the south east corner of our block at a cost of \$1,000. Discussion followed with the board directing the trustees to investigate the exact boundaries, and the cost of cleaning up the lot and report back to the board for a decision. It is unknown if Bitsy Rufener had repaired the toilet in the women's restroom in the fellowship hall.

A request for a carry-in dinner for the congregation was made with the date set for December 5th. No meat will be supplied by the church.

Terry reported that the men's group had spent \$2,500 for the campers this summer. Lynda reported that the UMW will not have a bakery for the Lord's Hour sale next year due to the dwindling numbers and the advanced age of current members.

Barbara Chittum gave us an update about the history book. There have been 133 books ordered to date. We are still assured for a pre-Christmas 2010 delivery date.

Pastor Larry reported that he had filled the final slot on the Nominations committee and is ready for the Charge Conference for tomorrow night, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. The PPR Committee is to meet at 6:30, just ahead of the conference. Advent begins November 28, the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. Christmas Eve Services are to begin at 5 p.m. Anyone wanting to present some music contact Larry, Angie Mefford, or Dawn Masten.

Susan reported that Lisa Schoonover and Elizabeth Barr, directors for the Kids After School, are in need help supplying refreshments and with serving also. They could also use some extra help with the children. We are having 30-35 each week.

Dawn stated there is gravy powder and rolls left from the Lord's Hour Sale, and she is attending Lay Leadership Development class tomorrow.

Ruth reported on reserved dates for the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Larry dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Lynda Proper, Secretary