

Pilgrim United Methodist Church  
White House meeting minutes  
October 13, 2009

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Prayer by Eric Harger

Members present: Pastor Ken, Pam Williams, Darcy Hallenbeck, Dwight Pierson, Jason Heibeck, Ed Lamb, Eric Harger, Chris Cornell, Sarah Cressman, Carol Egres, Howard Williams, and Vickie Becker (recorder).

Previous minutes were read and approved

Special prayer requests: Ethiopian team, Revival, Church conference Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

1. All house meeting, date set for November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Agenda to be set.
2. Special events budget item – Set as something that's not an ordinary scheduled event. Previous amount set for will be lower but kept in the budget.

New Business:

1. White House recommendation- Layspeaker, local, to speak at our church only: Mark Hull and Doug Haviland. Certified lay speakers: may speak outside of our church: Chris Cornell, Gene Lamb, Joanne Green, Dennis Pennock, Judy Hazel, Dave Kudwa. These will be presented at the Church Conference. Judy Hazel also listed as a Certified Lay Minister.
2. White House recommendation; Pastors compensation; will be recommendation from 49,992 to 51,492 dollars, with an added travel expense. To be brought to the church conference.
3. White House vote – Signature cards- Ed Lamb stated cards need to be signed at the bank with proper I.D. present. Youth acct. Eric Harger and Flo Benson. Main Church acct. Eric Harger, Flo Benson, Sue Andersen and Ed Lamb. Motion from Finance, Ed Lamb to White House to have previous mentioned names signed on, two savings and 1 checking account signature cards. Approved by committee. Any previous names on the accounts will be dropped at that time.
4. Church consultant update; Chris presented from the book "When not to build". He reported on his conversation with Ed Hull, Co-author of the book. Explained what they would present to our church. If they came, they would want Thur. through Sun. here. Main focus on Pastoral and Staff, also finances, Sunday school, church service and greeters. They would also make observation of the physical structure of the church. Written report would come within 4-6 weeks. They would also be open to come for coaching. Basic package would start at 10,000 dollars plus travel expenses. Extended coaching would start at 3,000 dollars. Something for the committee to think about, pray heavily for Christ's guidance and discuss more later.
5. Ed lamb, finance, presented a future donation system that would involve a direct withdrawals from parishioners bank accounts. Parishioners would have to sign for this. It would help parishioners to give regularly while eliminating some of the cost of envelopes. Approve by the committee to continue with research on this system.

House Reports.

God's House- No real changes or additions. Continue praying for God's involvement.

Spirit House- Looking forward to prayer team time on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Disciple House- The 12-week study "Seeking Him" is almost over and has been great. Women's bible study will be starting Ephesians next. Scott's study on Monday nights continues. Bonnie Heibeck, library, doing some moving around to fit in new items. Lois Fonger has been helping with this.

Kid/Youth- Eric reported, Roberta would like to start a small meal system for the children on Wednesday nights hopefully to start soon.

Mission House- Crop walk netted 1,070 dollars. Ethiopian team gone at present. Christmas child is starting now. This is one of the greatest outreach the church is doing. Haiti team scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Green House- The play "Mountain" went very well. Sarah suggested having a special events chairman in the near future.

Lay Leadership-Group has been meeting, trying to fill positions that have opened. Spirit House, CIA youth leader, Finance chair, NLD vice chair, 2 staff parish relations, 4 nominations leadership and 1 trustee.

Trustees- The cross now lighted on the bell tower and looks great. October 22, Price church closing is to take place. Boiler has been repaired.

Finance- Dept. budgets need to be completed and turned in so the budget can be set and approved by the end of the year. Giving is low. Budget not met. Designated giving will be limited to 3-4 areas. It will be discussed further in the future what areas will be designated. Samaritan fund is very important area to give to.

Vision team- Vision team working toward progression and setting of goals for the church.

Closing prayer; Chris Cornell

Meeting ended 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Becker