

Pilgrim United Methodist Church  
White House meeting minutes  
September 8, 2009 meeting

Meeting opened with prayer by: Eric Harger – minutes taken by Eric Harger, those present at the meeting were: Eric Harger, Pastor Ken, Jason Heibeck, Pam Williams, Roberta Pennock, Howard Williams, Sarah Cressman, Darcy Hallenbeck, Chris Cornell, Dwight Pierson, Ed Lamb.

White House team welcomed Sarah Cressman as new Green House Leader, Welcome aboard Sarah, we are looking forward to your vision and enthusiasm.

**Old Business:**

- There was no August meeting minutes due to meeting being canceled.
- Evaluation summaries were handed out to be reviewed by the individual house leaders and members of house. An all house meeting was scheduled for October 4, 2009 from 5:00PM to 7:00 PM. All houses are to report and meet to review and plan for 2010/2011 years.
- Supper Sunday training for September 27, 2009 for 3 hour training session was discussed by Pastor Ken and all were encouraged to attend if available.

**New Business:**

- Lay speaker application forms are due to be filled out for agenda item in October White House meeting. White House will make recommendations for approval of certified lay speakers and local lay speakers to be presented at October 24, 2009 Church conference.
- Ledger No. 7166 – special events was discussed and what events the budget items could and should be used for. Dwight suggested that the budget item should be utilized for one time events out of the ordinary functions of the Church. It was asked that Ed look into and get the history of the account usage and Eric will make a recommendation to the White House team.
- Pastor Ken discussed new format for Vision Team. He is considering moving towards a group of 25 to 30 people consisting of the existing Vision Team and members of the Church congregation meeting fewer times a year to perform the visioning and setting goals of the Church. This larger group would in turn be reporting back to the White House. The benefits of a team of many would be that there would be a greater cross section of the congregation becoming involved and informed with the ministries, staffing and facilities of the Church.

**House Reports:**

- Gods House: Team is trying to keep the services spiced up and interesting. The Worship in the Park, Sunday praise night and worship have been inspiring.
- Spirit House: Mint Festival was awesome, the prayer team received prayer cards and prayed with festival attendees, reached out with letters and call backs from

- prayer cards at festival, Sunday prayer team meeting and scheduling a prayer retreat.
- Kids / Youth: There have been some staff changes within the house and Roberta is seeking helpers. Vicki mailed out invites to Caravan and past attendees inviting them to this years Caravan. There was great turnout for camps this year. Roberta is making the trip to Ethiopia to meet Nigist, our Caravan sponsor child, and Amy Gentner will be making a scrap book of the trip to present and show to the Caravan children.
  - Mission House: Howard read an article from the VOM magazine, there will be an October crop walk on the second weekend. There are many opportunities to be a part of the mission house some are – operation shoe box, Habitat house in Westphalia. There will be a Haiti mission team going in January with a group of 10 to 12 to put a roof on the Church. Howard is seeking individuals to go, they will be gone from January 1<sup>st</sup> for 2 weeks or possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> week for two weeks. Pastor Ken asked if the group could go with fewer than the 10 to 12 and possibly meet up with another Church and work together.
  - Green House: Sarah is working on some activities such as Christmas Caroling for the community shut-ins, next year have more of Worship in the Park, Family movie nights.
  - Lay Leader: Connecting with House leaders, planning for Church Conference, new house leaders and new positions.
  - PPRC Chair: Dave Kudwa was absent, Eric presented some of what they are working on. They are working on the up and coming Church conference. There was a presentation by Anne Pierson, Cheryl Crum and Reid Williams discussing issues with the youth program and ideas that they are working on.
  - Trustees: Dwight gave update on items the trustee's are working on – room 16 had new carpet, new paint, cabinets, trees in front of Church have been removed, there is now lighting on bell tower cross to be seen from all around, JC Electric has installed an 8000 watt automatic generator in the Church parsonage due to loss of power that created flooding in basement, concrete patio has been removed at parsonage and a new composite deck has been built. There is new carpet in the nursery and the women's bathroom. Faith Fellowship Church made an offer to purchase the Price Retreat Center for a sum of \$15,000.00. The offer was accepted based on many repairs that were coming in the future for the building that could be astronomical in cost. There has been flooding in the basement, it is not know where the drain field is or if it exists on site.
  - Vision Team: Pastor Ken presented a handout of the floor plan of the existing structure. Chris Cornell talked about the book "When not to build". There a was a tremendous amount of great discussion and ideas of remodeling and additions we can perform to the building. There was discussion of the best use of the existing structure and preparation of a master plan for the future. Any additions should be driven by the need of the Church Body.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Roberta Pennock at 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Eric D. Harger

## White House Chair