

**BRIGHOUSE UNITED CHURCH
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date: Oct 13, 2009

Participants:

Stuart Appenheimer, Minister
George Phillips, Treasurer
Reilly Burke, Secretary
Heather Gater
Bill Murdoch
Janet Nitta
June Wasnick
Fred Wittig

**Place: Murdoch Centre
Time: 7:30pm
Adjourned:**

MINUTES (+ 2 attachments)

10.1 Opening: Welcome

10.2 Devotional & Prayer: Rev Stuart Appenheimer

10.3 Acting Chair: Rev **Stuart Appenheimer**

10.4 Agenda for this meeting

M/Janet: To adopt the Agenda as amended. **S/Heather; /CARRIED**

Bill requested that future agendas include a section for "Correspondence".

10.5 Adopt Minutes of 2009.09.08 Board Meeting

M/Reilly: To accept the Minutes of 2009.09.08 Board Meeting, as amended at 9.11.3. **S/Bill M /CARRIED**

10.6 Business Arising from 2009.09.08 Board Meeting:

10.6.1 George presented the Financial statements to August 31, 2009. Some incomplete items were noted, and George will make the corrections and bring the file back for approval at the next meeting.

Janet requested that the matter of "signing authority" be added to the agenda for the next meeting

10.6.2 A message was received from the Presbytery Oversight Visit team outlining their needs for their upcoming visit on Nov 10. Their visit is likely to consist of reviewing our Financial Statements and our Minutes. They will also attend Sunday services, carry out a walk-around, and meet with the Board.

M/Fred W: that June chair the meeting of Nov 10. S/George; June accepted this task and the motion was /CARRIED

10.6.3 Brighthouse Nursery School Financial Statement to Jun 30. Bill presented the statements and reported that enrollment has increased to approximately 50 children. He projected a \$20,000 benefit to BUC by year-end. /M Bill: To accept the Brighthouse Nursery School Financial Statement prepared by the committee. S/June. /CARRIED

10.6.4 Review of the building use rates and all rental contracts for the 2010 budget. Bill reported on the related issues and reminded the Board that the Bylaws need to be amended.

10.6.5 Bill wrote to the departing tenant, summarizing the various charges due (see attached copy). **M/ Bill** that the former tenant Johnson Tiam's \$750 damage deposit be transferred to the rent-due account of 8171 Bennett Road **S/Fred. /CARRIED**

10.7 New Business

10.7.1 2010 Budget preparation: Stuart suggested that a preliminary budget should be assembled by early December. A committee of volunteers (Stuart, George, Reilly, Bill, and Heather) spontaneously appeared to undertake this challenge.

10.7.2 Proposals for distribution of missions funds: Discussion followed about the distribution of funds for Community Outreach & Local Misions. It was agreed to add this topic to the Nov 10th meeting, after the completion of the Board's visit with the Presbytery Oversight Visit team.

10.7.3 In order to deal with the looming menace of the H1N1 flu virus, it was suggested that BUC become proactive in dealing with this dark force. **M/Bill** That Ken Clausen oversee the distribution of hand sanitizer amongst attendees. **S/George. /CARRIED**

Stuart also recollected that some attendees had engaged in elbow-shakes instead of hand-shakes in order to minimize the spread of this life-threatening abomination.

10.7.4 Stuart informed the Board that Mark had volunteered to chair the M&P Committee

10.8 Committee reports:

10.8.1 The report of the Worship Committee was received. **M/Heather:** To accept the report of the Worship Committee. **S/Janet. /CARRIED**

10.8.2 June summarized the Congregational Retreat for the Board. The total cost of the retreat was \$1489.28, offset by \$511.00 from passing a donation basket. Net cost: \$978.28

10.8.3 Bill reported on the cleanup of the Murdoch Hall, including the disposal of the old tables. He also reported on the progress of the After-School Care, which is suffering from low startup attendance. **M/Bill** that we extend the \$400 rate to the end of December, at which time that matter would be revisited. **S/June. /CARRIED**

10.9 CORRESPONDENCE

10.9.1 A card was received from Noory, thanking the Board for its assistance.

10.9 NEXT MEETINGS:

10.9.1 Board meeting: Tuesday Nov10, 2009 7:30pm

10.9.2 Board meeting: Tuesday Dec 8, 2009 7:30pm

10.10 PRAYER NEEDS AND CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned;

Stuart Appenheimer, Chair (pro tem)

Reilly Burke, Secretary

**Brighthouse United Church
Congregational Retreat & Thanksgiving Celebration
October 3, 2009**

Theme: A Day of Thanksgiving

Facilitator: Myrne Goulding, National Human Resources Director, Youth For Christ
9:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. @ Broadmoor Baptist Church, Fireside Room

The day program was attended by 19 BUC members who took part in a full day of activities of remembering, reflecting and giving thanks to God.

We began with a short time of praise & worship, followed by a very meaningful slide presentation by our minister, Stuart Appenheimer, tracing our roots from United Church Union in 1925, to the origins of Brighthouse the following year, right through to the present day. In remembering, we were moved, not only by God's faithfulness to this congregation, but by the commitment and faithfulness of those who have gone before us, resulting in the rich legacy we enjoy today and are privileged to share with both Christian and community groups.

As we reflected on their contribution to our lives and faith, many names came to mind – former ministers, youth leaders, Bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers, members of the UCW units, Men's Club, choir leaders and personal friends – all influential models of the faith who have helped shape our spiritual journeys and supported us through the struggles of life.

Following a delicious light lunch, we spent some time in small groups considering the over 100 passages of Scripture that speak of 'thanks,' 'thankfulness,' or 'giving thanks.'

The day culminated in a catered congregational Thanksgiving feast for 47, a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, from punch through to dessert, tea & coffee. The caterers carefully prepared approximately 20 take-home dinners for singles & families.

All feedback from both the day & evening events has been positive. Every effort was made to 'keep it simple,' and particularly to make the dinner accessible to the whole congregation, some of whom would have found a set price prohibitive. Many thanks to Stuart, Heather Gater & to all who helped with coordination, organizing, and physical set up & take-down. It truly was a 'family affair.' Hopefully, even more people will be able to participate another time.

Cost breakdown:

Morning snacks: donated by George Phillips & Karen Ohashi (just in case you needed more of the banana bran bread & cranberry loaf - & of course, Heather donated her cookies for dessert at lunch)

Lunch: approximately \$50.00 for 20 people

Rental: \$175.00 (a gracious 50% discount from BBC's usual facility rental)

(A donation basket realized approximately \$500.00. Other expenses were paid from the retreat budget.)

Respectfully submitted,
June Wasnick

Worship Meeting

September 29th 2009.

Committee consists of June Wasnick, Julia Smith, Heather Gater, Ann Clausen, and Stuart Appenheimer. All were in attendance.

We began with a recap of the summer schedule and all that attended in the summer agreed it went well.

Family Services for the Fall are the following: Thanksgiving, Oct.11th, Advent Celebration, Nov.29th,and a Sunday school presentation, Dec.13th.

The details for the Retreat and Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner were finalized.

We decided to recover the Praise and Worship songbooks that are worth keeping. They are handy for small groups etc.

The number of Nursing Home services that Stuart participates in, is at his discretion.

Operation Christmas Child will begin October 25th and end November 15th with a packing party and dedication.

**Respectfully submitted,
Heather Gater (chair)**