

Minutes of the Executive Committee
The Wisconsin Congregational Association – March 11, 2009

Meeting in the meetinghouse of the First Congregational Church of Mukwonago
In attendance: Rae Ellen Preuss, Shawn Stapleton, Rick Hartley, Sue Lefebber, Joyce McVeigh, Steve Peay
Absent: Doug Gray, Ryan Fetterolf

Meeting called to order – Prayer offered by Sue Lefebber and Rick Hartley

Approval of the minutes for 11/5/08 and 1/13/09

Moved by Rick Hartley/seconded by Shawn Stapleton/unanimous affirmative

Treasurer's Report (see attached)

Moved by Steve Peay/seconded by Joyce McVeigh/unanimous affirmative

- Discussion of the 2009-10 budget followed, the difficulty of and need for communication with the Youth and Camp Committee was prominent in the discussion.
- There being no further discussion, a budget was drafted and approved – Steve Peay moved acceptance/Sue Lefebber seconded/unanimous affirmative.

Reports

- Newsletter deadline is May 26, 2009
- WCMA recent meetings were discussed at some length
- WCTS schedule was reviewed. Rick Hartley had presented in January, Stu Merkel and Cindy Bacon are presenting in March and May respectively. The May meeting will also elect the covener and set the calendar for the coming year, believed to be the thirteenth.
- Youth and Camp Committee – Junior Hi Rally is March 26-27 at Fox River Church

Unfinished Business

- Report on the progress of the Annual Meeting – April 18, Heritage Church-Madison – was given by RaeEllen Preuss. The need to direct the annual communion service offering was discussed. It was moved by Sue Lefebber to have the money go to the work of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (supported by a number of Milwaukee area churches), seconded by Rick Hartley/unanimous affirmative. Discussion also ensued concerning the accurate list of active churches.
- Host Committee report – Sue Lefebber reported on the progress of the upcoming Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to be held in Milwaukee.
- Roster Review – the secretary apologized for his tardiness in contacting the five churches, will try to do so in the near future.
- Rick Hartley will send notes to those churches which have not contributed.

- Reviewed the status of the Tomahawk Church and another church in Illinois (Moderator will pursue more information from Jim Jupin). Secretary will talk with the NACCC concerning information on the Tomahawk Church. Secretary will follow-up.
- FCC-Beloit has a new minister, the secretary will send along a letter concerning vicinage and installation practice in the WCA.
- Discussed the ongoing progress of the Gays Mills Church. It was determined that the EC wanted to continued to be open to assisting this church.
- The Annual Meeting (April 17-18) was discussed, including various program ideas. Cindy Bacon will plan and lead worship activities.

New Business

- The Quadrennial Meeting of the International Congregational Fellowship will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Wauwatosa from July 23-29. Involvement and activities were discussed. It was determined to invite Patrick Shelley, minister at LCC-Hartland to speak about the meeting at the Annual Meeting.

Steve Peay offered the closing prayer and the meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Steven A. Peay, Ph.D.
Secretary