

## **WCA Executive Committee Minutes November 11, 2009**

PRESENT: Shawn Stapleton, Moderator; Carol P. Taylor, Moderator-Elect; Pat Jipson, Secretary; Rick Hartley, Treasurer; Paul Ray, Clergy at Large; Joyce McVeigh, Lay Person at Large

Moderator Shawn Stapleton called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Rick Hartley opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the August 26, 2009 Executive Committee were approved as distributed.

### **YOUTH AND CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT- Malynnda Johnson**

Malynnda was unable to be with us today and sent a written report. The Jr. High Rally was small but was a great success. North Shore Congregational Church hosted. Kayla Roble directed (the theme was Discipleship}. We had a total of 13 kids and 6 adults. There were several new kids in attendance so hopefully we will continue to see growth. A total of \$225 was brought in and total cost was \$145.01. Senior High Rally will be in two weeks (Nov.20-21) at Faith Community Church in Franklin. The flyers were very late getting our and Malynnda will address this at the next Youth and Camp meeting. She will recommend flyers go out six weeks before the rally. Malynnda also requests that any ideas about how to get more churches involved should be forwarded to her. She would like to see numbers increase and more churches involved. Everyone is concerned about churches who don't participate in Youth activities and Camps for Middle and Senior High. It was suggested that a Youth Ambassador be chosen from Camp and Rally attendees who are excited about what happens at Camp & Rallies.

### **WCMF**

At the last meeting of the Wisconsin Congregational Ministerial Fellowship officers were elected. Hilary Bowser agreed to be Moderator again.

### **WCTS**

The next meeting of this group will be November 19,2009. Papers are presented by various people.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

The deadline for material for the WCA Newsletter is Nov 20 for the issue which comes out in December.

The Gays Mills Church dedication on Oct 3: The attendance was disappointing. Only 5 people attended.

The "Celebrating our Heritage which had been set for November 14, 2009 was postponed. There were just a few signed up. The date was set for Oct.9 or Oct. 16, 2010. Heritage Congregational Church of Madison will be contacted to determine which of these dates would work best for them. It was thought that the "sing" idea was a good one. In publicity for next year it was suggested that representatives from Congregational Church Choirs be encouraged to attend, perhaps preparing one or two songs which could be prepared and sung in a joint choir situation. More publicity would also be good.

Update on FCC-Mukwonago's letter to the NA. Rick Hartley reported that a letter was sent regarding their belief that the NA was not upholding the idea of Jesus as Lord. They requested improvement in this area. The NA replied that they could not lead in this as it would be up to the individual churches to reeducate their congregations. The Mukwonago Church members are very concerned about this problem. A few would like to leave the NA. It is a very serious issue for them. Rick Hartley, the pastor, asked that we pray for their church during this turmoil.

### **2010 WCA ANNUAL MEETING**

This meeting will be held in Rosco,IL. Some of the things that need to be decided are how to arrange functional Break Out Sessions, a theme for the meeting. It was suggested that "Our Spiritual Heritage" with subhead such as A. Puritan Spirituality and B. Giving Thanks. All member churches should be reminded of the delegate structure. Now each church may have 2 delegates: the Pastor and the Lay Delegate. The Agenda items and Break Out Sessions will be discussed at our meeting in January. The Worship Service should be early in the day on Saturday and then business sessions. If we begin on Friday evening it was thought that this evening could be mainly social.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on January 13, 2010 following the Ministerial Meeting in the morning. Executive Committee would meet at 1:30PM. The meeting will be held at North Shore Cong. Church, 7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point, WI 53217.

Shawn Stapleton led the group in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Jipson