

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
FALL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM
NOVEMBER 03, 2013**

- I. ATTENDANCE:** Approximately 65 persons
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator Melinda Carlson @ 11:37 am
- III. DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER:** Led by Melinda Carlson
- IV. AGENDA:** The proposed agenda was accepted as presented in the Forum Booklet
- V. MINUTES:** The minutes for the Forum of April 14, 2013 were approved after changing the word form to from in Item IV. The minutes for the meeting of August 18, 2013 were approved as printed in the Booklet dated November 3, 2013.
- VI. AFFIRMATION OF SLATE:**
- A. Glenn Miller was added to the Gifts Discernment Team
 - B. Deacon Chairman, Greg Klinedinst, requested the following members to be added to the slate as Deacons to be affirmed: Leonard & Helen Stoner, Galen & Patricia Trimmer, and Brad Shenk.
- The entire slate as printed in the booklet and with the additions noted herein was approved without dissent.
- VII. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS:**
- Roy Rollman presented the first reading of proposed changes to the constitution as printed in the Forum Booklet. The second reading and action will be scheduled for the Spring Forum in April, 2014.
- VIII. TEAM REPORTS:**
- A. Larry Gible reminded those persons sponsoring activities that a major effort is being made to publicize events and that should be part of their planning process.
 - B. Terry Wueschinski clarified the fact that monies available from “Cash for Causes” go only to Camp Eder, Children’s Aid Society, and New Life for Girls.
 - C. Mary Esther Anderson reported that six couples attended the Fall Spiritual Retreat at Camp Eder over the weekend of October 25. She noted the theme of the retreat was “Building a Vibrant Church Through Prayer and Purpose”. “The event went well and was a good experience for the attendees”.
 - D. Roy Rollman offered the following comments relative to his report of the Facility Care Ministry Team:
 - 1. One person is needed to help count money from the fourth Sunday of each month.

2. Help is needed to help with Church “Lock-up” during one weekend every other month.
3. Replacement of the projector in the sanctuary will be completed under budget.
4. Several non-budget items continue to be evaluated. They include:
 - a) Entrance door replacements to confirm with ADA guidelines at the chapel, narthex and fellowship hall locations.
 - b) Remodel the narthex area.
 - c) Provide a family restroom.
 - d) Provide handicap facilities in the ladies restroom.
 - e) Provide handicap restroom access for the gymnasium area.
 - f) Install double-paned windows in narthex area.
 - g) Provide elevator access between the chancel, sanctuary and basement levels. This project has a tentative, private pledge of \$ 200,000.00 toward an estimated cost of approximately \$ 285,000.00.
5. Roy stated that he has been working with construction companies to determine potential project costs, has brochures covering some of the projects and welcomes members questions and comments.

6. In response to a question, Roy noted that the anticipated life expediency of the church roof is approximately three years. Replacement cost is currently estimated to be \$ 70,000.00.

E. Pastor Don informed the Forum that he is conducting a membership class consisting of a 6 to 8 persons. He also thanked the Congregation for the kindness and gifts received during the October Pastor appreciation month.

On a motion by Pat Gibble with second by Roy Rollman the team reports as printed in the Forum booklet and supplemented herein were unanimously approved.

IX. BUDGET FOR 2014:

Roy Rollman presented the 2014 Proposed Financial Plan as printed in the Forum Booklet. In response to questions, Roy noted the following:

- A. David Diehl is the “staff position” noted on page 4 of the Proposed Financial Plan.
- B. Financial Services covers outside payroll preparation, audit expenses, and miscellaneous needs required from outside resources.
- C. The proposed budget does not include “wish list” projects noted in Item VIII.D.4. herein.

Following a motion by Roy Rollman and a second by Edwin Martin the Forum unanimously approved the 2014 Proposed Financial Plan as printed in the booklet.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pastor Don introduced our Director of Youth Ministries - Andy Buckwalter. Andy informed the Forum of the following:

1. Youth program is currently in planning stage.
2. A Wednesday evening youth group meeting is starting this week. These meetings will alternate between First Church and Bermudian Church on a weekly basis.
3. Andy has prepared a written report that is available in the Narthex.

B. Larry Gible noted that our congregation has received several, large endowments that are split 50% to the General Fund and 50% to the Witness Ministry. Larry suggested that the Congregation consider sponsoring an event for the community and use some of these funds to help defray costs.

C. Deborah Klinedinst inquired as to a request by another congregation to use our chapel facility for worship. Pastor Don stated he had placed a call to the contact person but the call had not yet been returned.

D. Pat Gible shared her concern that with the reduction in Government support for some programs to help persons in need, we should be even more aware of the needs of the people around us. We may need to consider an increase in our witness of care for those in need.

E. Melinda Carlson advised the Forum that she has accepted a call to serve the Zion United Church of Christ on three Sundays of each month. She noted her intention is to remain a member of First Church and will continue her commitment to serve our congregation as Moderator.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Forum was closed with prayer led by Pastor Don at 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk
Arden Kile