

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
FALL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM MEETING

November 4th, 2012

Present: - The Congregation

1. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Melinda Carlson at 11: 45 A.M.

2. **Devotions/ Prayer:** - Assistant Moderator Bernetta Kile read from Joshua Chapter 1 vs. 1-9 and then led us in prayer.

3. **Presentation of Agenda:** - Sheryl Leaman motioned to accept and Elizabeth Eisenhart seconded it.

4. **Presentation of Minutes:**

April 15th, 2012 - No changes. Brad Nicholas motioned to accept and Jay Crist seconded it.

5. **Presentation of Congregational Call and Affirmation:** - Affirmation of Slate

Vesta Statler had questioned the term limits for District Conference Delegates as to whether they were 1 or 2 year terms. This matter will be taken up and voted on in the near future.

6. **Christian Education Proposal:** - Vivian and Don Hubbell spoke to the Congregation about the hiring of a Youth Director to share duties with York First Church and Bermudian Church of the Brethren to help to revitalize youth involvement in the Churches. At that point a discussion ensued concerning an Amendment to put a cap on the Youth Directors salary at \$21,530.00 yearly. Jay Crist motioned the Amendment and Richard Brown seconded it. The Congregation passed the Amendment. Pastor Don informed the Congregation that Jan. 1, 2013 would be the start up date to implement the Youth Director position. Leonard Stoner motioned to accept the Proposal and Mary Esther Anderson seconded it. The Congregation then passed the Proposal.

7. **Approval of the 2013 Budget:** - Sheryl Leaman explains to the Congregation in detail the budget for 2013 and that she will try to set up electronic tithing as soon as possible. Pastor Don suggests that if the Church has any money left over at the end of the year that we create a surplus fund. Sheryl Leaman motioned to accept and Jay Crist seconded it. The Congregation then passed the Budget.

8. **Team Reports:** - Leadership Team, Gifts Discernment, Pastor, Worship, Christian Education, Spiritual Enrichment, Witness, Financial Resources, Facility Care, Hospitality, and Child Development, No Reports.

a. Deacons - Greg Klinedinst adds he will be trying to recruit Deacons to help take care of not only youth but the entire congregation.

b. Treasurer - Sheryl Leaman informed the Congregation she will try to reduce some of the excess categories by combining them. The boiler and air conditioner have been paid for. And funds were collected and allocated for Sarah Kovacs to return to Ghana in the amount of \$7,500.00.

9. **Approval of Reports:** - John Minnich motioned for approval and Terry Yeager seconded it. The Congregation passed the Reports.

10. **Unfinished Business:** - None

11. **New Business:** - The Leadership Team will be meeting on Nov. 13th, 2012

12. **Adjournment:** - Motion was made by Bernetta Kile and seconded by Melinda Carlson at 1:02 P.M. prayer was offered then we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Church Clerk

Brad Shenk