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Council on Ministries Meeting November 9, 2009

In attendance: Pastor Karen; Joy Fenton; Catharine Vastaris, Lynn Spencer, chairperson; Nancy Knowlton, secretary; Catharine Vastartis; Donna Sibits; Don Krolikowksi; Jenny Gee; Ruth McDanel; Don Krolikowksi; Jane Petrie

Lynn began the meeting with a word of prayer at 7:35 P.M.

Topics were discussed in the order listed on the agenda:

Advent Season Plans

- Advent Worship Sunday on Nov 15 at 4:00 P.M. - this program will present ideas to help families celebrate Advent & to gear the church up for the Advent season
- Nov 29th is the first Sunday in Advent - since the Brecksville City Parade is on this date, the Church will be serving cocoa and cookies after the parade
- the theme for Advent is Peace & Rest centering in Hope & Love
- Hanging of the Greens will be Wed, Dec 2th at 7:00 P.M. - help will be appreciated
- Dec 6th is the third Sunday in Advent - new members will join the Church on that day
- Dec 20th will be Music Sunday - Joy has arranged for a string quartet - poinsettias may be taken home that day - poinsettias will be taken to shut-ins, etc that day
- Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00, 8:00 and 10:00 P.M. - Karen thinks she has found a "baby" Jesus for the 5:00 service - Worship Committee will find all necessary ushers

An Eagle Scout candidate came to discuss his food drive project. He will be collecting cans goods and non-perishable items at both main entrances of the Church on Sunday Nov 15th and 22nd

Mission Projects

- Food Bank work on Nov 21st
- Dinner at Brookside on Nov 22nd
- Toy Sale at Brooklyn Memorial Church - new toys or gifts of money are needed by Dec 6th in order to have the sale on Dec 12th
- Angel Family with Marge Webb - WSEM project - parishioners are to

- sign up, purchase an appropriate gift, and return it wrapped and with a gift tag to the church
- Sunday School is collecting coats (new or clean, good condition, used coats)
 - BUMW in conjunction with Church Women United are collecting items for the Salvation Army Zelma George Shelter - a box will be in the coat room - a list of items will be in the Good Word & bulletins ***
 - There will be a glove/mitten, scarf and hat tree in the parlor

The group continues to work on the 2010 Volunteer Opportunity Fair on Jan 24th - some logistical questions were discussed

Surveys/Worship Committee

- Jane announced that there has been a good response - deadline will be the end of November
- items that have appeared on a good many surveys include;
 - o poor condition of the hearing devices - Worship has already met with Trustees and eight new devices have been ordered
 - o poor acoustics in the sanctuary - the hearing device company will provide a study on what needs to be done to improve quality

Staffing Update

- Melanie Smith has been hired as the Administrative Assistnat and will begin Nov 16th
- Dan has had to resign as custodian due to health concersn - Jeff & Scott Hastings have been hired as Facilities Managers
- Chris Toth has been hired as the organist (he previously held this position) -he will begin Nov 15th
- Discussion followed as to the choices for education as presented in the letter Pastor Karen had sent to the parishoners' homes

Committee Reports

Nancy gave the report on the Zelma George project as this time ***

Don Krolikowksi discussed the web and all its features

Remember :

the musical program on Sat, Nov 14th

Breakfast without Santa is a fund raiser for the Costa Rica trip and

will be on Dec 13th

The next COM meeting will be Dec 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Karen finished the meeting with prayer.

The meeting ended at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knowlton
Secretary COM and Ad Bd