

# Minutes

## Annual Charge Conference

Monday, November 21, 2012 ~ 7:00 pm  
Brecksville United Methodist Church

In attendance: Jason Bell, Carole Brachna, Les Buttolph, Scott Campbell, Rev. Orlando Chaffee, Sandy Crist, John Dietrich, Joy Fenton, Jim Fredrick, Liz Fredrick, Jenny Gee, Sue Hastings, Claire Hayes, Ruth Herman, Lynn Hobzek, Doug Huth, Mary Kotnik, Cathy Krolkowski, Dee Lancaster, Kendall Lancaster, Bob Lundholm, Bruce McCrodden, Kay Mendlik, Leslie Miller, Tim Miller, Alan Phillips, Dave Podolny, Cec Podolny, Robin Raybuck, Becky Schultz, Cristy Shumaker, Rev. Clark Stein, Kathy Stein, Janine Telischak, Bob Wuerth, Joyce Wuerth, Marisol Wylie.

### **Item #1** – Call to Order/Devotions.

Rev. Chaffee welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Dave Podolny offered an opening prayer.

### **Opening Remarks**

Rev. Chaffee indicated that the Omnibus Charge/Church Conference Report (provided) would be used as a guide to the meeting. It is recommended that a copy be filed alongside these minutes.

### **Item #2** – Election of Recording Secretary.

Tim Miller nominated Joy Fenton as recording secretary. Sue Hastings seconded the motion. A vote was taken, viva voce, and Joy Fenton was accepted as recording secretary.

### **Item #18** – Property and Financial Report.

The parsonage was reviewed in June, 2011. A parsonage inspection report has been filed, though it was not attached to the Omnibus for this evening's meeting. Item "d" needs to be completed: date of last renewal of incorporation. Otherwise, the report is complete and satisfactory.

### **Item #7** – Lay Speaking.

The following items were absent from the Omnibus:

- a. Local Church: Jenny Gee (renewal), Diane Pidwell (renewal)
- b. Certified: John Brachna (new), Les Buttolph (renewal)

All candidates were voted upon and accepted, viva voce.

### **Item #6** – Candidacy Matters.

Les Buttolph is a declared candidate for ministry, as of April, 2011. Though his declaration has been accepted by the district, a unanimous vote (viva voce) was taken in support of his ministry.

### **Items #16 & #17** – Membership Review

New members, deaths and transfers were reviewed, and membership progress was noted. The church is not reading off any names at this time.

### **Item #3** – Lay Leader Report.

Report is attached – please see Omnibus.

### **Item #8** – Lay Leadership.

Though this slate was approved at the Administrative Board meeting in July, 2011, it was reviewed for informational purposes. There were no issues or questions.

### **Item #9** – Committee on Nominations.

Brenda Calovini and Donna Sibits have been nominated to serve on this committee. Additional names may be submitted to fill the remaining slot.

**Item #10** – District Members at Large.

No names were submitted at this time to attend Annual Conference. Names may still be submitted for consideration.

**Items #11 through #15** – Clergy Matters and Compensation.

Please see figures in Omnibus. These figures were reviewed, and there were no questions or objections. A vote was taken viva voce, and all clergy matters were approved as written.

**Items #4 & #5** were not directly addressed.

There is not a complete budget for review, as of Charge Conference. No discussion or vote occurred at this time.

**Item #3, revisited** – Pastor's Report.

Report is attached – please see Omnibus. Rev. Stein took a few moments to share remarks: he thanked everyone for the hospitable welcome to BUMC, shared his excitement over upcoming projects, and expressed his appreciation for program and support staff.

**Closing Remarks**

Rev. Chaffee shared a number of the issues that will be addressed at the Quadrennial Annual Conference in Spring, 2012:

- Discussion is expected around the 13 agencies of the UMC and their administration.
- Discussion is expected around the issue of guaranteed appointments.
- Discussion is expected around the handling of funds in UMW.
- Discussion is expected around the issue of human sexuality, particularly related to the ordination of openly GLBT individuals and the performing of same-sex ceremonies.

Rev. Chaffee requested prayer for the conference and all those attending.

Bruce McCrodden moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Kotnik seconded the motion.

Charge Conference was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Robin Raybuck closed the group in prayer.

**The next Administrative Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Fenton

Recording Secretary