

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL – March 31, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**

Meditation

Chris Parker discussed Darryl Williams – a Charlestown High football player shot and paralyzed at half time during a game in 1979. He rose above the hatred that led to his injury and spread a message of compassion and showed no bitterness. Mr. Williams died at age 46.

Council unanimously approved the minutes from February 24, 2010 Parish Council meeting.

Pastors Report – Tabled

Financial Update

Treasurer Report: See attached Treasure's report – Year to Date 3/31/2010.

Summary: Our overall loss in the Operating Fund is \$77,955. This is \$14,534 better than last year and \$6,878 more than budgeted. So far, income is \$3,230 worse than expected and Expense is \$3,648 worse than expected. Linked together with Income, this makes our Loss \$6,878. The major factors driving results so far are: Current Year Pledges slower than traditionally, maintenance and capital spending which is much higher than expected.

Financial Secretary Report: Tabled

Planned Giving Update: A meeting will be held within the next two weeks.

Christian Education Report

The latest Rotation is complete. The next Rotation will have to do with Legos

The Heifer muffin sales this year brought in \$498.

The next Heifer Ark will be awarded at the April 4th service to Allie and Maryann Parker by Sandi Watson.

The Youth groups participated in the 30-hour famine and raised \$1,800 for the World Mission.

During the 30 hours the Youth group performed community service work at Bridge House.

25 kids enjoyed 3 hours at Laser Quest

The Middle School Youth enjoyed Patriot's Game Night

Upcoming: Easter Fun Day on Saturday April 3rd from 10 to 11:30 AM.

The Young Adults Group was formed over Christmas vacation and they decided to plan and raise funds for their mission trip to New Orleans May 23 to 29. They will be staying and working with the Mennonite Group that they met during previous Mission trips.

Planning and fund raising for the High School Youth Group Mission trip continues. 19 kids have signed up.

Ministry Team Reports

Outreach Ministries -

Membership Ministries

Our focus is planning for the upcoming Saturday May 1st May Day Celebration – order your lobster rolls early and beat the rush.

Education Ministries

Diaconate

Maundy Thursday services at 7:30 PM with Communion

Easter Sunrise service at 6 AM at Newhall Park. Special parking at the Bali Hi.
Deacon's Breakfast beginning at 7:30 AM in the Fireside Room and the Library
Easter service, no Communion, at 10 AM.

The Ministerial Review Committee will send out Pastoral surveys to be returned by April 11.
Announcements will be made regarding the surveys during upcoming Sunday services.

Related Notes:

Bread and Roses will make special arrangements to prepare the food at another site due to the water damage in the basement.

The contract with our internet provider has been renewed and billing information has been updated.

Stewardship Ministries

Few Hands – Lots of Work: Theme: “Do Something Great!” Cindy Trayers is helping with design activities for the Stewardship program. Considering a motivational speaker for Stewardship.

Letters out April 11.

Mention on Stewardship at Sunday services.

Stewardship packets will be mailed June 1 and telephone follow up. This will allow a good idea of the pledging for the June budget planning meeting.

Finance Ministries

Update on Flood – Insurance has paid \$31,000 to date. Damages could reach \$100,000. Serv Pro, our Contractor, still working on clean up and mold and mildew elimination. Todd Hall and the stage are in the worst shape due to the wall board construction that is soaking up water. The Choir Room has been painted and the shelves reconstructed. Richards Hall has been cleaned and will be painted. All cove base has been removed due to water damage and will be replaced. The floor heating ducts will be drained and cleaned.

Oil burner room and under the Chapel need lots of clean up and correction.

Centre Church will contract with an insurance adjust expert to advocate for the Church and assist us with putting through the proper forms to ensure the maximum allowable reimbursement for the water damage.

Potential serious problem with the floor ducts in Richards Hall.

The main sump pump has been replaced.

The failed gutter section that caused damage to the second floor ceiling has been replaced and the damage corrected.

Centre Church has applied to FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management System, for financial assistance with our water damage.

Council will hire an engineer to develop a long term solution to improve our drainage systems and review our HVAC systems.

A Work Day on Saturday, April 3, 2010 has been planned.

NEXT MEETING:

Next regular meeting is scheduled for:

- Parish Council Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM; meditation by Mary Ann Parker