

**Stewardship and Caring Ministry Team
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011 10:00 am**

Participating: Ed Bray, Don Rock, Ruth Whitten, Steven Voelker, Dan Busch, Joyce Schaefer

Devotional: Joyce Schaefer

Joys: Appreciation for Conference Call Meeting

Agenda: DVD for Stewardship

Ed Bray and persons from his church are working on it. The focus will be time, talent, and treasure with a break after each segment for discussion among the viewers.

The DVD will be previewed at our March meeting; changes can be made at that time if needed. A segment of the DVD can be shown at the annual meeting in Mansfield on April 30. Delegates can pick up the DVD at that time with others to be mailed. A \$5.00 donation is requested from each church. The DVD is a means of bringing stewardship concepts to the churches without anyone attending an actual seminar.

Dan said that committee reports are due in February for the annual meeting in April. Ruth will do this committee's report.

Next meeting: March 15, 2011 10:00 am Tiffin
Devotions by Ed Bray

Joyce Schaefer, Secretary

Stewardship and Caring Ministry Team
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2011 10:00 am

Present: Dan Busch, Ed Bray, Doug Ricci, Don Corbin, Steven Voelker, Ruth Whitten, Bill Flickinger, Don Rock, Shirley Rock (Guest), Joyce Schaefer

Devotions: Ed Bray

Ruth conducted the meeting: Minutes of Conference Call meeting, January 18, 2011 were accepted by Doug's motion and passed.

Joys and Concerns: Recent flood damage in area UCC churches. Flood disaster kits will be collected at the annual meeting in Mansfield, April 30, 2011. The UCC will be sending relief funds to Japan.

Stewardship DVD: Ed Bray showed the first draft of Time, Talent and Treasure. The Team was pleased and suggested more visuals relating to key points on the DVD. Some reference to tithing may be added to the DVD. The DVD will be shown at the annual meeting in Mansfield, April 30, 2011. Church delegates can get one for their church for \$5.00

Future stewardship focus needs to have some emphasis on tithing as UCC tithing is low at 1.8%.

The Committee will not meet on May 17, 2011 as members will be attending the All-Team Event at Trinity UCC in Tiffin on May 15, 2011.

Dan reported that the association has received 2200 budget books from authors, Jane Chidester and John Macko. They will give training in 3-hour seminars in the future to individuals interested in personal budget management.

Joyce Schroer has moved and Doug Ricci may take her position as liaison to the Cabinet. Joyce Schaefer's term ends April 30, 2011.

Closing Prayer: Ed Bray

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: All Team Event, May 15, 2011, Trinity UCC, Tiffin, 3 – 6 pm.

Joyce Schaefer, Secretary

Stewardship & Caring Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday, May 17th, 2011

Present: Doug Ricci, Kyle Timmons, Don Rock, Shirley Rock, Steve Voelker, John Miller, Dan Busch

Devotions: Doug Ricci

Doug conducted the meeting: Minutes of March 15th's meeting were presented. It was noted that Joyce Schroer has moved and resigned from the Team. Don Rock moved to accept the minutes. No Discussion. Approved.

The team then discussed the organization of the team and the following people have taken the noted positions:

Chairperson (Doug Ricci), Secretary (Kyle Timmons), Linking person to Cabinet (Doug Ricci), Auglaize Valley Link (Donald Rock), Lakeshore Link (Kyle Timmons), Sandusky Valley Link (Steven Voelker).

The team watched the Stewardship DVD together. Many positive comments.

A discussion was held on talking about our resources at the next meeting and possibly bringing in Sandra Lindahl to offer training.

Another discussion relating to the budgeting books and possibly training leaders from various congregations to lead budget classes was held.

Other ideas to promote stewardship were discussed. Conversation to be tabled at next meeting.

It was noted that all of the disaster kits gathered at the Association meeting have been dispersed. We need to encourage our churches to give to this year round.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2011. Don Rock will have devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Timmons, Secretary

Stewardship and Caring Ministry Team

November 15, 2011

Devotions – Doug Ricci – In titled “What is Devotions?” Devotions are a form of Personal Worship with God daily.

OLD BUSINESS

Online giving workshop – Pastor Kyle is working on a workshop to be given at next NWOA Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Talked about our guidelines – Don was asked to draw up a rough draft of guidelines for the Stewardship and Caring Team.

Dan Busch is to see if Margret Mills will speak to our committee during one of our upcoming meetings – by conference call or online so she doesn't need to travel – topic stewardship.

Discussed filling vacancies in each region –

Ruth Whitten– 1 clergy and 1 layperson

Kyle Timmons – 1 layperson

John Miller – 1 lay person

John Miller closed in prayer.

Present at the meeting – Doug Ricci, John Miller, Don Corbin, Dan Busch, and Ruth Whitten

Our next meeting is on Jan. 17, 2012. Don Corbin will have devotions and opening prayer.