

## Reconciling Meeting Notes – May 18, 2016

- \$484 dollars that was given to the committee for making the Rainbow Stoles. Originally the cost was taken from the misc line-item. Pastor Bev will work with Sue reference making a journal entry to move the \$484 back into the misc line-item. Our balance is \$484+\$1194.
- We haven't received a bill from Ovation yet for the All Iowa Aids Benefit advertising.
- Discussion of something different for handing out at Pride instead of cards and candy. Pens with Walnut Hills with address and Website if room for both. Kristen will work on getting this before the Pride Parade on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Pride Parade announcements will be done happen May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> with reminders on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- When is Gay and Gray - ? Gail will discuss with Dawn Wirtz and/or Donna Redwind. (Beginning of August?)
- Marriage Equality Statement: see **Resolution in Marriage Equality Statement.**

-September 18<sup>th</sup> Introduction during service

-September 25<sup>th</sup> – Bob Burkhart during Sunday School.

-October 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Clark during Sunday School.

-October 9<sup>th</sup> - Question and answer and vote.

- July Newsletter due end of June – Christy will send Announcement – Stay Tuned for Marriage Equality Statement vote in September. Updates to follow.
- August Newsletter due end of July – Christy will send more details, schedule, topics, dates, opportunities.
- September Newsletter due end of August – Resolution in Marriage Equality Statement with email addresses of committee members in case anyone has questions.

- **Resolution in Marriage Equality Statement.** We recognize that often when two people form a loving committed relationship, they ask the church to bless their marriage. After due consideration, the church responds by celebrating the work of God's Spirit in their lives, in the presence of their family and friends. In continuing effort to live out our Statement of Reconciliation, and with our membership in the Reconciling Ministries Network, we now resolve and affirm: The congregation of Walnut Hills United Methodist Church supports and approves the use of our facilities for marriage ceremonies of all couples licensed to marry in the State of Iowa, and approve by our lead pastor. Walnut Hills United Methodist Church is a place to call home where all are welcomed, nourished spiritually and sent forth to serve.
- Jean Swenson will create a question box for the Sunday School times and for October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> someone will need to talk about this during announcements.
- Shirts – Jean has gotten quote with Custom Awards and embroidery for Polo Shirts. Walnut Hills will be in Rainbow Colors. Crosses will be in white. They will cost about \$20.00 each. We can sell for \$25.00. Kristen might know a place cheaper – will discuss with Jean and email the group. One color – each year can be a different color. This year Dark gray, Black or Navy.
- Meeting notes will soon be on the website. Anyone taking notes needs to sent to the group, and get corrections/additions. Then send to Maggie in a word document.
- General Conference – Do No Harm will propose new legislation to the Iowa General Conference. Walnut Hills will be a sponsor.