

FIRST BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mission - Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known

Vision – To be a beacon of light in our community and the world empowered by the Holy Spirit, sustained by prayer so that all are welcome and transformed in Christ

Church Leadership Council Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:00 P.M. Room L44

Attendees (Italicized and bolded): **Andrew Amodei, Janet Batts**, Julie Bennett, Buddy Bounds, **Bill Campbell**, Lawrence Collier, Lee Cornell, Margaret Deans, **Hoyt Denton, Doris Dexter**, Ashley Dukart, Debbie Folk, **Paul Folk**, Eric Fritz, Bob Garver, **Les Heaton, Danny Howe**, Chris Manley, Jeff McCord, Bonnie Macdonald, **Mike McIntire, Dean Odiorne**, David Pond, **Gail Preslar**, Jerry Repass, Melissa Rivers, Mickey Rainwater, **Joyce Russell, Jim Taylor, Claudia Tustin** (filling in for Bonnie Macdonald), **Bob Viers, Fred Wallin**

The meeting was called to order by WINGS Chair Hoyt Denton at 7:05 p.m.

Jim Taylor presented a devotional on The Beatitudes and utilizing things he had learned from Evelyn Laycock and Zane Scott during the weekend Servant Leadership Academy.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS – Council

1. Around 50 people were blessed to attend the Servant Leadership Academy over the weekend and over 300 attended the One Room Sunday School class lead by Evelyn Laycock.
2. We are blessed to have people coming from other churches to work and serve in Friendship Dinner.
3. The UMW's bean soup sales are going extremely well with only four boxes left. Fresh pecans will be available in November.
4. Expressions of gratitude for Mickey's spiritual leadership were expressed by several people.
5. Danny announced that the dates for Mission Celebration are March 10, 11, and 12 and that Bishop Schnase would be the featured speaker. The theme would be "Risk Taking Missions".
6. The group was reminded that October was Minister Appreciation Month and that we were indeed blessed by the ministers on our staff.

7. The church staff when on a retreat on September 28th and “it was better than expected”.
8. Former CLC Youth member, Gabby Provenzano, has accepted the position as Youth Director at First UMC in Bristol.
9. Five people attended the “Funding the Vision” Conference lead by Dr. Lovett Weems and got a number of good ideas to enhance the financial health of the church.

NEW MEMBERS – Janet Batts

Janet reported that we had had one new member in the last month and that a family was joining on October 10th. A New Member class was also scheduled this month and she encouraged us to invite visitors and seekers to attend.

Preliminary 2011 Operating Budget – Review, Discussion and Approval – Paul Folk, Mike McIntire and Council

The preliminary 2011 Operating Budget was distributed and discussed. It was noted that the Ministry Intern program which Staff-Parish is supporting was not included since it had not been before the Finance Committee, but this would not be a big change. Changes in the Apportionment process were also discussed in detail. Overall, the Council seemed pleased that the budget was essentially the same as 2010. The preliminary budget of \$2,900,250 was unanimously approved by Council.

Holston Annual Conference Report – Les Heaton

Les reported on four things from the Annual Conference:

1. The change to the use of tithing for apportionment was simple and Biblically aligned.
2. Vibrant Churches and Growth – Many have characteristics discussed in ***SIMPLE CHURCH***. It is vital that you have dynamic worship and expectations for members.
3. Ministry to the Poor – Les related the story of a church in Ohio that has opened a store and gave all kinds of things away to people in need.
4. Health Issues – Les stated that clergy health problems were higher than the general public because of several factors and that their work could be very stressful.

Les also related that many of the churches connectional ministries such as Asbury Centers and colleges were struggling financially, but they were managing to do okay.

CLC Retreat Planning – Mike McIntire

Mike reminded Council that Mickey had suggested at our September meeting that the CLC needed to have a retreat early next year and suggested that the following would serve as the planning team for the retreat: Mickey Rainwater, Julie Bennett, Hoyt Denton, Les Heaton and Mike McIntire. If anyone else would like to serve, please let Mike know.

Leadership Development Program – Request for Input on Direction – Fred Wallin and Council

Fred reported that during Leadership Academies, teams usually worked on three or four projects for the church, usually did excellent work, and often not much happened from their efforts because the area wasn't able to assimilate the proposal or it wasn't the team's spiritual gift area. He asked for directions on how things could be done better. Much discussion ensued. The following request evolved.

Action Item: Each WINGS and supporting areas (Staff-Parish, Finance, Trustees, Media and Communication, etc.) are asked to determine if they have any short-term (six weeks) projects/studies that they would like to have Leadership Academy participant work on. Deadline: December 31, 2010.

This would ensure that the proposing area would be will and able to accept the results of the study and may also allow the Academy participants to select projects that they are interesting in working on after the conclusion of the Academy.

FBSUMC Ministries and Organization Study – Claudia Tustin

Claudia reported that because of the ***SIMPLE CHURCH*** study and the potential implications that it might have on ministries and organization, this study has been put on hold until this initial work is completed. It was noted that most of the ministry and program data has been collected and organized and would be ready to go when we resumed the study.

Director of Contemporary Worship and Young Adult Ministries Search Committee Report – Claudia Tustin

Claudia reported that the Search Committee has been formed, the Job Description had been approved, and electronic advertising for the opening has begun. To date, 29 inquiries had been received. On Tuesday, the Committee will be doing telephone interviews with three candidates.

Staff Retreat Report – Mike McIntire

Mike reported that 29 staff members attended a retreat at Buffalo Mountain Camp on Tuesday, September 28th. The retreat was led by

Rick Toomey. The morning session focused on Myers-Briggs personality types and was very enlightening for most of the staff. The afternoon session focused on Trust. Mickey opened the retreat with a devotional and closed it with Communion. It was an excellent first step.

Other Business – Council

1. Mike McIntire reminded council that the annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th. More information will be forthcoming.
2. Mike shared a memorandum from Beth Geno summarizing the excellent result from the Festival of Flower 2010. The records indicated that 295 volunteers were involved in putting the festival on and 2,895 people attended the show.

Andrew Amodei closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McIntire, Acting Secretary