

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, September 13, 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, Bob Viers, **Fred Wallin**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Bennett at 7:05 p.m.

The devotional was given by Les Heaton.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS - Council

1. Les Heaton's son-in-law completes his Nurse Anesthetist education December 3.
2. A very good Poverty forum was held. Bishop Carder did a wonderful job.
3. The high school start up weekend went very well.
4. The Flower Festival was wonderful. Thanks to all who participated.
5. Ashley Dukart was a member of the homecoming court at Dobyns-Bennett H.S.
6. Janet Batts passed her three courses.

NEW MEMBERS - Janet Batts - Janet passed handouts on several new members.

2011 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - CLC's Role - Kevin McCreight - The plan is still a work in progress. The theme is Stepping Up & Out in Faith. Kick off will be October 3rd. Commitment Sunday will be October 31st. The CLC, along with Finance and the Staff, is requested to turn in their packets by October 3rd in order to be able to report a 100% participated by these three groups by Oct 17th. Discussion ensued. By consensus the CLC agreed.

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT – Les Heaton – Les shared three topics – Commentary on Tithing, Growing the Church, and Health & Wellness of the Clergy. We will hear more on this later.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Bonnie Macdonald.

1. Jenny Rogers will resign as Director of Contemporary Worship and Children's Music Ministries effective December 31. Jim Welch will head a Search Committee to fill a redefined job; Director of Contemporary Worship and Young Adult Ministries. The revised Job Description has been approved and the job description has been posted.
2. The staff is going on a retreat at Buffalo Mountain Camp on September 28th.
3. Staff-Parish will be working on Staff appreciation the next couple of months.

FINANCIAL STATUS – Paul Folk and Mike McIntire – Paul reported that August was a good month with revenues up and expenses down. We reduced our deficit by \$34.6K, but our deficit is still high at \$128K. Thanks to everyone for their help in moving our financial picture in the right direction.

REFINANCING DEBT – Paul Folk and Mike McIntire – Mike reported that the Finance Committee had requested that a Request for Proposal be sent to several local financial institutions for restructuring of our loan to a lower interest rate. Proposals are expected in October.

PLANS FOR PRESENTING 2011 OPERATING BUDGET – Paul Folk and Mike McIntire – A preliminary budget for 2011 will be presented next month for CLC approval. .

UMW FUNDRAISER – Doris Dexter – Doris announced the "Super Holiday Sale". What: Bean Soup Mix suitable for gift giving – available now – and Pecans (halves and chocolate coated) available November 1. Where: Purchase beans now from any UMW member or watch for tables at church; you may also place an order with UMW member for the pecans for delivery after November 1. Price: \$6 for bean soup, \$8 for pecan halves and \$10 for chocolate coated pecans.

OTHER BUSINESS – Council

1. The Church Picnic is Sunday, September 26, at Wimberly Woods Retreat Center (formerly Bloomingdale) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Barbecue chicken and pork, as well as drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. Whiffle ball game will be held before dinner at 4:00 p.m. Other activities will be held after dinner.

2. Simple Church study has started. It is not too late to join in.
3. Danny stated that missions will be partnering with the city on Oct. 16 for a city cleanup in a specific area of the city. More about this to come.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY SENIOR PASTOR – Mickey Rainwater

1. Thank you to Mike McIntire and others who worked to plan the neighborhood gatherings.
2. Stewardship emphasis is a favorite preaching season for him. In addition to announcing the 100% commitment of the three leadership groups, he will announce his and Joy's Estimate of Giving.
3. Twenty six registered for the Simple Church study. It has caused some things to come to a screeching halt and reevaluation of what and how they are doing things.
4. Need to do a CLC retreat the first of the year 2011.
5. You have until September 15 to schedule a directory sitting online or be contacted by Darres.
6. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Carder. He is truly one of those folk who has a true heart for justice and the Kingdom of God.
7. A Bishop will confirm the confirmands in 2012 (possibly Dr. Carder).
8. He and Joy are almost finished unpacking. They feel very comfortable being here.
9. He opened up for questions. Discussion ensued.

Mickey closed with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Folk, Secretary