

WMUMC Council
October 15, 2008

John called the meeting to order at 7:04 and Ann Barley had devotions. She read a poem by Helen Steiner Rice reminding us to take time out of life in the fast lane to remember to rely on God.

Present: Steve Plymale, Marsha Six, Josie Mitchell, Dave Munro, Gail Slocum, Ann Barley, Kay Fries, Bill Barley, Nolan Reid, Jim Cumming, Jon Claus, Page Williams, Keith Robinson, Amanda Crossett, Gerry Turner and Judy Claus

Last month's minutes were approved as read.

John told everyone that Dick At Lee's father passed away yesterday.

Nolan reports we are in good shape budget wise. Pledges are at 75% and expenditures at 68%. The SPRC has agreed to give Page \$800 per her request for additional funds.

Witness will meet next month.

Outreach will meet next month.

Dave reports PORT training for partner churches will be this Wednesday.

Celebrate! Task Force has been appointed by John. To include Juan Liceaga, Ghristi Girvin, Judy Claus, Jim Cumming, Steve Plymale, Gerry Mingee. Amanda Crossett is available as a resource.

Budget (John you have on your computer)

Finance Com recommend presenting budget to congregation.

Keith Robinson reports conference recommends 2 ½% salary increase for clergy. SPRC recommends a 2 ½% raise for all salaried employees. SPRC has several more recommendations.

1. \$40K budget line to allow for any new pastor, from local pastor to elder. Actual salary may be adjusted down if elder is not hired.
2. make youth director a fulltime position effective June 19, 2009 because we are focusing on 20 to 40 year olds-many of whom bring children and youth. Responsibilities would grow to include pastors care for youth and parents. Would like to budge top amount of 40K (depending on experience) to cover all possibilities.
3. increase adult nursery workers 9K to 12K with additional 4 hours per week increase.
4. add health insurance fund for full-time employees \$7,941.60
5. Staff pension fund – no amount at this time
6. Moving fund -- \$2000
7. for Minister of Pastoral Care add \$200 per quarter for car expenses
8. Staff Education fund to increase from \$500 to \$4,500.

Keith reminds us all that this is our “dream budget”

Continuing resolution The Treasurer requires approval of the Church Council to continue dispersing funds based on the 2008 approved Operating Budget until the 2009 Operating Budget is approved by the Church Council. The exception being those 2009 Operating Budget items approved at the October 7, 2008 Church Conference.

Youth planning out of state mission for Sr. high in Montana but will not do international trip

Page No report

Koinonia Planning a reverse rummage sale for next spring. Will give away items.

ECMS parent workshop on next two weekends.

Children 5 children regularly attend Way of the child. Many new events on schedule including Children's fellowship -- new unit "Come Follow Me"

Child Protection class Oct 23rd at 7 pm.

Took 30 people on Hayride!!

Barn Dance, fall festival, costume party, chili cook-off coming up

Thanksgiving service Nov 25 begin with soup and sandwich

Also, 4 children finished the UMW reading program.

Dave keeping the congregation up to date with his weekly column in the Warwick Weekly

You must sign up for use of the bus-it will be very popular. Always leave the bus clean and filled with gas.

Dave is reminding us that drivers must have CDL. Still looking for more drivers

Lay Leadership still trying to fill all slots

Communication Marsha broke down her expenses

Web \$100 per year

Newspaper \$750

Signs 200

Historians 150

Supplies \$50

Printing 100

Promotional items \$150

Pastor Steve reminded us about the play on Oct 17, 18, 19

Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday 25th at 7:30 with soup and salad at 6:00 pm

Discipleship campaign will focus on our 4 promises: prayer, presence, gifts, service

November 23 will be commitment Sunday

Virginia Pilot called to do an article on us as a Green Church

District Conference is Sunday @ 3 pm at Temple Baptist

Steve plans an informal call on ministry. What are forms of ministers, etc. How to be in ministry through the United Methodist church.