

**Newark United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 26, 2009**

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**Present:** Mark Werrell, Michelle Koch, Ruth Oatman, Mary Bell, Betsy Kent, Mary Haggard, Deede Cataldi, Bill Clark, Ruth Nicholls, Kathy Werrell, Dayle Thorpe, Roland Sharp, Mary Hudson, Sue Symes, Bob Cronin, Rev. Palmer, Jane Savino, Peter Schmalz

**Opening Devotion** – Mark Werrell

**Approval of 2/23/09 Church Council Meeting Minutes:** The Church Council minutes were approved. (Ruth Oatman moved; Darryl Sparks seconded)

**Approval of 2/22/09 Church Conference Minutes:** The Church Conference minutes were approved. (Darrell Sparks moved; Roland Sparks seconded)

**2009-10 Budget – Bob Cronin:**

Ruth Oatman moved to suspend the policy to wait a month after a proposal is presented before voting. Mary Hudson seconds the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote to suspend the policy and vote on the 2009 – 10 this evening.

Bob presented the proposed budget. He noted that SPRC was bumped up. Trustees submitted a lower than minimum budget request so Finance bumped it back up. Worship was cut by \$1000. Church Council was cut. The income side is less than the expense side. We need to narrow that gap.

We are lagging behind in pledges but we haven't done a spring pledge. We have 24 new pledges. The next step is to call those who have not pledged this year but did so last year. That will be followed by sending letters to those who give but do not pledge.

June 28 is the celebration party for the beginning of the new fiscal year to thank those who pledged. It may also encourage others to pledge.

SPRC's minimum budget submission holds. The Core budget included a 2% raise to the staff and group professional expense account. The Maximum budget submission included a 4% pay raise to the staff. Finance deliberated and split the difference between the Min and Core budget submissions which allows for a 1% raise.

BIA needs to communicate the facts to the congregation on what we need, and where the money goes.

Finance is trying to be responsible with a budget based on giving. We will vote on this budget but the congregation will vote at the Church Conference on 6/16.

Sue Symes moved to amend the budget to increase the Church Council budget to \$1000 to support new emerging ministries. Mary Hudson seconds the motion.

In Favor – 6

Oppose – 6

The Church Council Chair votes in the event of a tie. The Chairperson voted No

The amendment did not pass.

Jane requested that the Church Conference report have more information on the budget. It was agreed that Finance would publish more of the details to describe what makes up the budget.

The 2009-10 was brought forward from the Finance committee for a vote. Bill Clark seconds the motion. In Favor 12; oppose 1.

### **Hanover Presbyterian Church Event – Betsy Kent**

The Director of Music at Hanover Presbyterian Church invited our choir to sing at their Sunday October 11, 3pm event in support of GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, and Transgender) Community. The choir will be asked on a volunteer basis. Betsy has requested that Church Council vote on supporting this event.

Kathy Werrell moved to support the Oct 11 event. Mary Hudson seconds the motion. The Church Council approved by unanimous vote.

### **Planning Session – September~November - All:**

- People know we are here
  - out of touch
  - students
  - new
- People that do attend have a good experience and wish to return
- Opportunities for spiritual growth
- Community Fellowship/Family, Neighborhood
- Vision Set

### **Know We Are Here**

- Advertise
- Business meetings on Main Street
- Improve website
  - Daily devotional
- Church sponsored community event
- Members invite others
- Greeters outside
- Everyone receive a name tag at the door
- University move in day
- Advertising dollars
  - Paper as PR - NJ, CW, NP, Com. News
  - Weblink
  - Civic Groups - paid by member
  - Email blasts
  - Community bulletin boards
  - Offer space

### **A Good Experience for those attending**

- Name tags
- Good worship experience
  - Connects to God
  - Sermon
  - Opportunity to Praise
  - Music
  - Difficulty hearing (signing)
  - Bulletins
- Meeters roaming church
- Finding where to go
  - Signage
  - Greeters
  - Meeters
  - Outdoor greeters
- Fellowship between 8am and 9:30
- Information available
- Training - ushers, liturgists, greeters

**Community/Family/Neighborhood**

- Church Directory
- Coffee between 8am and 9:30 worship
- Games throughout the year
- How to get to know new members
  - Coffee
  - Photos in the directory
  - Dinner
- Church Picnic
  - Family day at Pecometh
- Church Talent Show
- Covered Dish Dinner
- Dinner for Elders

Please send your Committee's Calendar activities.

Think about how to support or be involved in the planning activities discussed.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Koch  
NUMC Council Secretary