

Newark United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, October 26, 2009

Present: Kelly Stoneman, Michelle Koch, Ruth Oatman, Mary Bell, Betsy Kent, Deede Cataldi, Kathy Werrell, Mary Hudson, Jane Savino, Donna Hitchner, Mary Haggard, Daryle Thorpe, Sue Symes, Rev. David Palmer, Marietta Garrett, Haig Stubblebine, Jim Faltot, Jerry Swalley, Chelsea Spyres, Jennifer Lanning, Terry Stoneman

Opening Prayer – Kelly Stoneman:

Approval of 9/28/09 Church Council Meeting Minutes: The Church Council minutes were approved with modification (adding the meeting attendees). Sue Symes moved; Ruth Oatman seconded

Pastor Comments – David Palmer: We have been told that the city of Newark will table the motion of charging for parking on Sundays. They may be considering different options like charging for parking starting in the afternoon.

Jim Faltot: We have 19 new members. 13 will join the church during the 9:30 service; 6 in SonSpirit. The SonSpirit services are a great connection to the church. Dayle added that this was the first time we had the new member orientations from 12-2pm, and provided lunch. We plan on taking photos of the new members on 11/8 and post them on the bulletin board. Diane Smith was successful in getting 19 shepherds and almost all have already met with their shepherd.

Mary Haggard: Sr High Youth Group is growing. The number of Sr. High Youth is up into the 30s. Jr. High numbers are in the mid-teens. Wesley has had 29 students in bible study. We have seen about 45 different faces. Mary will be attending the “Exploration 2009” conference with four Wesley students and Nathan Cunningham Nov 13-15th in Dallas. The Methodist Church has this conference for people who are thinking about going into the ministry. Wesley Foundation is providing leaf raking services. Two of the students are coordinating this effort. The bake sale was a big success. We raised \$550-600. We are considering another bake sale in the spring.

Renewing Our Foundation Update – Jennifer Lanning:

The Conditions Assessment was shared in a prior Church Council meeting. The assessment included basic maintenance to improvements as well as a recommended priority. In the short term, we are addressing the higher priority items, which will be worked directly with the Trustees. Longer term (next 5 years) items need to be incorporated into the visioning process. We need to understand where the church is going so that we do not make changes that do not fit with the future of the church. We also want to understand what the congregation wants and what is important to them. We are in the process of gathering information from the congregation on what they would like to see done. The information will be gathered via a survey. The surveys will be available at the Church Directory photo sessions on 11/8 and 11/15. We need to work with Finance on developing the capital investment to pay for this work. We have been meeting every other week since June. Call or email Jennifer if you would like to attend a meeting.

Discussion – How to handle fund requests between meetings – Kelly Stoneman:

Kelly opened discussion on how Church Council wants to handle requests that are time sensitive and happen between church council meetings. An example is the request that came in for printing color brochures for Covenant Discipleship. This particular request was handled through email. A formal funding decision was not required as funds were donated to cover the expense. However, discussion was held to discuss how the council wants to handle requests like this. It was recommended that people plan in advance to bring requests to a church council meeting. This allows for review and discussion. For

funding requests, it was recommended that all ministries either be aligned with a committee or deemed an emerging ministry so that those budgeted funds can be utilized. In the rare case that a decision is needed between meetings, the church council chairperson will communicate out to all church council members. As a courtesy, the replies should be sent back to the council chairperson only. Anything that warrants a critical discussion would require a special calling of the church council.

Communications – Terry Stoneman:

The Communications team is actively working on getting tools to manage the website.

The team is also looking at a Calendar. We are looking at a couple options. We are considering the need for a resource management function so that people can add their own items and request rooms.

United Methodist Women – Jane Savino:

Please bring calendars to next month's council meeting. You can also put them into the UMW mailbox. We hosted the quarterly UMW meeting for the conference. Please support us by buying cookies and pecans.

SPRC – Jerry Swalley:

All is fine. Nothing to report

Youth Council – Chelsea Spyres:

Youth is not meeting on 11/22. On Saturday, 11/28 the youth will be doing the basket brigade and collecting food for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Children & Family Ministries – Mary Bell:

G.R.E.E.N. team will be having their annual Turkey fund raiser on 11/10 at Friendly's 4-8pm.

Congregational Care – Ruth Oatman:

We may have 4 people interested in being Stephen Ministers. If we have enough interest, Mark and Ruth will hold the Stephen Ministry training.

Membership - Dayle Thorpe:

New Members join on 11/8. We are preparing for Winterfest. The meeters concept is in progress. We have work in progress for the recognition of long standing members. Mugs are on order. There was a suggestion to offer the mugs to the congregation for purchase. David suggested that it may be a way to offset costs. He suggested that the committee put together a proposal and present it to Finance as a fundraiser. We have been asked if the mugs are for sale. We will be taking a proposal to Finance.

Music – Betsy Kent:

All the Singing, Choir, Hand bells are up and running. The Christmas Concert will be on 12/20 at 3pm in the afternoon. The inter-faith Thanksgiving services is Tuesday, 11/24 at 7pm held at Temel Beth El.

Outreach – Mary Hudson:

The woman's sanctuary pilot has been put on hold. We will not be trying to do it this winter.

Angel Tree selection Sunday will be on 11/22. We have 41 children.

Nominations and Leadership Development – Michelle Koch:

Please check the roster that was sent and send updates.

Earl Loomis, John Kevit and Diane Ferry were brought forward for affirmation as members of Outreach. Kelly called the vote and the members were affirmed by unanimous vote.

Still looking for the following key roles, co-chair Council, Finance committee members and Outreach co-chair.

Library – Marietta Garrett:

The book give-away was very successful.

We are collecting “Pennies for Peace” through the month of November in the Library and upstairs.

The book sale, “Books for Fun” will be held on 11/22.

BIA – Kathy Werrell:

We have not received any submissions for the business directory. We will have forms at the church directory photo sessions.

Adult Ministries – Haig Stubblebine:

The next Chick Flix will be Last Holiday and will be a matinee on 11/14.

The writing class currently has not had any participants yet.

Jim will lead a special study prior to the Taize services through Advent.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Koch
NUMC Council Secretary