

Newark United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, June 22, 2009

Present: Mark Werrell, Michelle Koch, Ruth Oatman, Mary Bell, Betsy Kent, Deede Cataldi, Bill Clark, Kathy Werrell, Lys Murray, Mary Hudson, Bob Cronin, Jane Savino, Peter Schmalz, Darrell Sparks, Donna Hitchner, Diane Brahy, Jerry Swalley, Haig Stubblebine, Jim Faltot

Approval of 5/26/09 Church Council Meeting Minutes: The Church Council minutes were approved. (Ruth Oatman moved; Darryl Sparks seconded)

Building Conditions Assessment – Peter Schmalz:

Peter presented the attachment.

The Trustees did consider all options, everything from tearing down and starting over or tearing down and moving from Main St.

The building assessment was intended to provide a conditions assessment of the building, short and long term renovation & rehabilitation recommendations and serve as a basis for a multi-year capital improvement project(s) recommendation.

Peter was asked if alternative energy and new technology solutions were considered. Peter explained that they were not fully considered. There are energy savings opportunities but we have been doing a fairly good job. Nothing in the report suggested new energy options because the report focused on the current building conditions.

Discussions focused on when to communicate to the congregation. Bill Clark suggested leveraging Parish Notes and Minute for Missions. Mary Hudson suggested writing a letter to the congregation.

Trustees are working to create two sub-committees. One sub-committee will focus on the changes to the building. That sub-committee has already formulated. The other sub-committee will focus on a capital campaign. The Capital Campaign sub-committee will assess the fund raising capability of the congregation.

Jim shared his experience with fund raising at Grace. They ran a 3 yr capital campaign. For three years the congregation doubled their pledge and they did give double. They also leveraged a professional fund raiser.

Bob Cronin suggested that members of the Finance committee should be on the sub-committees.

Wesley Foundation Covenant Agreement – Darrell Sparks:

The Covenant Agreement is what Wesley Foundation and Newark United Methodist Church can expect from each other.

It referenced a housing allowance. NUMC used to give provide \$13k for a housing allowance. Today we give a \$13k donation to Wesley Foundation to use for discretionary use.

Once approved the agreement must be signed by the Campus Minister, Sr. Pastor, Wesley Foundation Board Chair, SPRC Chair, Church Council Chair, and the Chair of Trustees.

Peter commented on how we as a church have benefited from this relationship. The lounge is a great example. That did not cost the church any money. Donations were made by the congregation. Members of the church donated their time and talents to work with the Wesley Foundation members on the lounge.

Jerry Swalley motioned to accept the Wesley Foundation Covenant Agreement with modifications. Ruth Oatman seconds the motion. The agreement was approved by unanimous vote.

Wesley Foundation – Darrell Sparks:

Wesley will be electing officers.

Children and Family Ministries – Donna Hitchner & Diane Brahy:

VBS is going well. There were 40 kids last week; 8 in the 11 o'clock service.

The Sport Luncheon had to be canceled due to lack of interest.

Membership – Lys Murray:

The committee is looking for “Meeters”.

They are discussing a parking log ministry.

Jim mentioned reserving parking spots in the church lot for 1st time visitors. We can put a sign on the playground fence. Peter indicated that Trustees would need to take the recommendation for the signage into consideration. It does help to have someone in the lot to help direct people. We recently did that for a funeral. We also need to remember that there is a University lot we can use. It is not on our map. The lot is only available on Sundays, but we need to not use spots specifically marked as “reserved” or “for service vehicles”.

Trustees – Peter Schmalz:

We painted the doors. Please do not tape anything to the doors. We had damage from temporary signage appearing on the doors. There is a temporary signage policy. Trustees is to review requests for putting up temporary signage. Peter will send a copy of the temporary signage policy (see attachment).

Communications – Bill Clark:

We are working on the website and implementing drop down menus.

We are also working on a page for guests with links for directions, worship times, Sunday school times, child care options, parking, music ministry/events, Christian Education and photos.

The website will continue to be a concentration.

BIA suggested a link to a daily devotional on the home page. The link to The Upper Room was sent. We want to encourage people to have NUMC as their home page.

SPRC – Jerry Swalley:

The next meeting is the 2nd Tues. in August.

Finance – Bob Cronin:

Finance did not meet due to a conflict with the Church Conference.

We had a \$875 positive revenue for May. May was a 5 Sunday month. Our finances will be in a reasonably good position at the end of the 6 month ½ year fiscal year.

Howard Hoover will be the new chair of the Finance committee.

Adult Education – Haig Stubblebine:

Adult Education had a variety of offerings for the congregation in the past year and will continue to do so in the upcoming fiscal year.

United Methodist Woman – Jane Savino:

UMW will offer soup sales three times featuring one soup for each soup sale. The fund raising activities will be schedule so that the working women have an opportunity to participate.

Outreach – Mary Hudson:

The “Nothing but Nets” donation collected \$1557 to date with more donations coming in.

Our 5 yr pledge commitment of \$1500 to Habitat for Humanity was met in 4 years.

The Empowerment Center had 24 clients today. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Music – Betsy Kent:

The Music sub-committee meets next week. The George Kirk Music Series will be organized through this sub-committee. The team welcomes and is open to ideas.

Temple Beth El is hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this year.

Congregational Care – Ruth Oatman:

Congregation Care is running well. Next week is one of our quarterly meetings. We use these meetings to check in with the teams and determine if there are any new needs.

Ruth also mentioned that \$20k was presented at the Annual Conference for “Nothing but Nets” .

BIA – Kathy Werrell:

BIA is planning a celebration for the new fiscal year and to recognize the pledges for the new fiscal year. The celebration will be after the 8am and 9:30am services.

Nominations and Leadership Development – Michelle Koch:

The Lay Leadership committee is now the Nominations and Leadership Development committee. The team will continue to look for team members for the various committees.

Pastor Comments – Jim Faltot:

David will be away for 4 weeks. Mary will be away for 2 of the 4 weeks.

Special Thanks to Mark Werrell for his passion, sincerity, dedication and commitment to NUMC in his role of Church Council chair over the past three years. You are a true blessing to our congregation. Thank you for so willingly sharing your gifts in so many different ways!! God Bless!!

Reminders: Be sure to review the ideas from the last planning session with your teams to look for opportunities to take action.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Koch
NUMC Council Secretary