

DUNCAN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Summary of Church Council Minutes 4-14-11

David Hindman noted excellent attendance of youth at Holy Week Breakfasts. He reported he is working with staff on their goals. He announced Audrey Roberts as Coordinator of Evangelism and Regina Holman will assist her.

Ed Showalter and Chuck Staudenmaier are forming a team to work on coordinating our church communication.

Hindman hopes to do evening services in the July and August for people who are often gone on weekends, so they can stay connected. These will be informal, but probably have Communion. It will be the same sermons as the previous Sunday.

David Hindman reported that the Staff Parish Relations team reviewed the organist job description and plan to do each staff members'. David was assigned to research what other churches our size do as to staffing. Staffing for mission is still up to us even if others don't do it our way, but they want that for reference.

Charlie Martin presented the written profit and loss statement and the balance sheet. We are \$5,000 ahead of budget in revenue at the end of March while being paid on all apportionments. The expenses were slightly under budget even with some expenses paid in advance like insurance.

Ann Martin reported for Trustees that the drainage problems on the side of the church are fixed, and we have a new AED which will be hung visibly. Training in its use will be provided.

Joe Varner, who is graduating from R-MC, and other students would like to erect a flame and cross at the church. It may be 8-10 feet tall on a brick pedestal. This has not been taken up by the Trustees, but we are asked to consider it. Joe was planning to contact R-MC graduates who are ministers to help pay for this. It is a \$6-7,000 project which the church would not have to pay for. We also need to check on town ordinances for "signage".

Stephanie Nixon reported for the Missions Team that bingo at the Ashland Convalescent Center every second Tuesday of the month is now being supported by a dozen or more people. We are sending three people (Susan Witt and Julie and Meagan Keaney) to Ukraine in July to provide assistance to David and Shannon Goran. We are in covenant with the Goran mission team. The sisters have raised some money on their own and we advanced some to them to make a deadline. The total cost is about \$2,500 per person.

There are three men to help with maintenance at Heart Havens during this month as David Luther asked for assistance. The UMM have not decided how to handle this long term.

Lisa Davis reported the Fellowship Team had one event this year, and there will be a brunch on May 29 when Teena Chinn will lead us in song during the Sunday school hour. The Sunday morning café is working with ten people doing it. We may have a kitchen shower to get pots and pans that we really need.

Sabrina Lacoss reported the youth recently completed the 30-Hour Famine and they have fed the homeless. Next week, they will be doing a Mexican culture night. They have been doing Holy Week breakfasts at 7:00 am.

They have had both middle school and high school retreats. They may have a spaghetti dinner coming up to raise money for mission trips.

Council passed a revised Van Use Policy and a new Kitchen Use Policy. Both are posted on the website.

Sanctuary Renovations team did not meet. They are waiting for the Finance Team to decide when they want to begin a capital campaign.

A council retreat has not been scheduled.

The next meeting is May 19, 2011.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Sims, Secretary