

Summary of Minutes on January 19, 2012

Pastor's Report: Hindman introduced his interns who are Bailey scholars.

- We had a huge turnout on Christmas Eve. For next year, we will probably keep the pageant a week ahead of Christmas. There also will be Christmas Eve services and a Christmas Day service.
- We may do a Watch light service on New Year's Eve
- On Ash Wednesday we will have two services.
- Charlene Beethoven will be leading a class on Spiritual Practices.
- There is a mission meeting on this Sunday. The mission to Alabama is March 17-24.
- There is a joint college and church event to create meal packages for Stop Hunger Now.
- Kendall Soulen who teaches at Wesley Theological is working on a two volume systematic theology and he has agreed to come and preach on Trinity Sunday for all services. (The Sunday after Pentecost, June 3.)
- We will have a panel discussion on Feb. 12 from 3 to 5 as a continuation of the discussion on Science and Religion. It will be in Copley Hall.

Lay Leader report: We had a good turnout at the district training on Jan. 8. Two additional training opportunities are available: Thursday, Feb. 23 at Ebenezer in Stafford, there will be a Five Talent Academy training on planning. A Lay Service Academy will be at Blackstone, Feb. 24-26. One can find info on the internet at VAUMC.org.

Staff Parish Relations Team report: Ray Martin thanked Kelly Jones and Ron Lefever for their prior leadership. The team interviewed two of four candidates. There was a motion passed to cover the expenses up to \$1,000 from the position salary line of the budget if possible. There is a meeting on January 31st to select a candidate. Some candidates can begin before April 1.

Finances: Mark Baird, new Treasurer, reported team leaders need to make requests for remaining funds so that books on the year can be closed. We were under budget by \$11,000 but we were under budgeted spending by more. Charlie Martin, Finance Team Leader, said we budgeted for 2012 for a 5% increase in offerings. We anticipate a good year. Changing the custodial service helped us save and the building appearance is better.

Carlene Bass reported the **Trustees** are going to meet soon and handicap accessibility work is ongoing.

Sharon Morgan reported **UMW** are going to try to get an evening circle started on the first Thursday of each month. Sharon will do the first program on Haiti.

Bill Hamner reported that **UMM** met last Saturday and had a good program. There were several R-MC students.

Old Business:

There has not been training for using the AED. It does need to happen. Additionally we need an emergency plan developed. Council authorized David Hindman to contact individuals regarding these issues.

New Business:

A motion passed for all church teams to reduce or eliminate meetings during Lent and use the time as an opportunity to be more attentive to their discipleship. This effectively cancels the March council meeting.

- Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat is the last weekend in February. There are 15 teenagers and a full band in the show. We need to support all aspects of this as it is the youth's primary fundraiser and will support their mission project.
- The prayer list has come off the website for privacy reasons but CCC leaders are getting that information.
- Pastor distributed the goals from the November retreat in the specific team areas for completion. Pastor will send this to all council members and is requesting we review and send amendments if any to him.