

DUNCAN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Council Minutes on June 23, 2011

Present: Bill Hamner, David Hindman, Ann Martin, Charlie Martin, Dave Stoakley, Sharon Morgan, Judee Showalter

Opening: A prayer was led by David Hindman.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Hamner at 7ish.

Minutes: May minutes were approved as emailed.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Hindman reported that during the July 3 services, he would re-issue the "Recipe for Healing" that he initiated during his first sermon at Duncan Memorial.

Pastor David stated that the first mid-week service will be held on July 6 at 7 pm and continue through July and August for those folks who are away on weekends or otherwise cannot attend a Sunday morning worship. The sermon will be a repeat of the previous Sunday's sermon.

The Genesis Bible study continues on Wednesday at 6 pm.

Pastor David will conduct mini versions of "Meet the Preacher" sessions in July. This will be an opportunity for people to discuss where we are as a congregation and where we need to be heading.

DM101, our New Member Class, will be held on Thursday, July 14, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. New members will be received at our worship celebrations on August 14.

The Evangelism Team will meet on June 30 to discuss techniques to become a more welcoming congregation.

Following the Evangelism Team meeting, Tom Hubbard will meet to discuss mental health services needs in the Ashland/ Hanover County area. This is in response to comments made during a recent Hot Topics presentation.

Dave Swager is taking pictures of new members. Still determining how/where to display them.

On November 20th there will be another prison visit with the Manna Band.

Pastor Hindman explained that there was no confirmation class this past year. He expressed reservation about providing the class to children prior to 9th grade. He and Sandra Stanley are looking at holding a class this academic year for 9th grade and up to include adults.

The Stewardship team is discussing plans for this year. They recognize a need to plug into last year's commitments.

Charlie Martin suggested that the Pastor summarize his "first year's" numbers at a future Council meeting.

Lay Leader report:

Dave Stoakley informed the Council that Ira Andrews has received the 2011 John Wesley Education Award for his contributions to United Methodist Higher Education in Virginia. Pastor David said that the award presentation would be made during the September 18 service (11 am).

Dave also announced that the next 5 Talent Academy event would be held in Chesapeake on October 6, 2011. Details to follow.

Finance Report:

Charlie Martin reported that our cash flow was good as was our balance sheet. Detailed reports were distributed.

Charlie encouraged the use of "Bill Pay" services to avoid the typical summer lag in contributions. He also said that it appeared that some folks may have already pre-paid their contributions for the summer months.

Charlie predicted that our apportionments for 2012 may decrease by approximately \$2,000 but may rise again the following year. The change is due to the method the conference is using to apportion health care benefits for clergy.

Charlie suggested that an assistant treasurer was needed for Duncan. This suggestion will be referred to the Nominations and Leader Development Team for consideration.

Trustees:

Ann Martin reported that the stoves had been installed in the kitchen. She also reported that several groups had requested the use of our facilities to include a group working with autistic persons, a pre-school effort for children living in Ashland motels, and the Girl Scouts for CPR training.

Committee Reports:

United Methodist Women (UMW):

Sharon Morgan reported that the profits from the yard sale were approximately \$1,400 to be used for various mission requirements. \$300 was provided to the Ukraine mission trip; a cleaning crew was paid for after the Strawberry Faire, and \$497 for shipping and miscellaneous items related to the 363 Kits for Konference that Duncan's UMW provided.

Stewardship Team:

David Hindman reported that the Stewardship Campaign would run from September 25 through October 23 using the theme of "Extravagant Generosity" expounded by Bishop Schnase.

David also reported that the *Financial Peace University* has been completed. Eight couples and 2 individuals participated. Although scholarships were available, none were needed. Special thanks to Ed Gay for conducting the University.

Future offerings may include a planned giving seminar/discussion.

David announced that the Virginia Conference was now able to provide capital campaign assistance.

Finally, David briefly discussed the Jubilee Fund efforts of Charles Swadley and suggested Duncan may want to investigate further.

Old Business:

The Kitchen Policy will be brought forward to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

The schedule for training for the new AED equipment is still being determined.

New Business:

A new cleaning service has been contracted for by the Trustees and will begin on July 1. A discussion followed as to whether the Trustees had considered the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) concerns about the custodial contract and specifically who would monitor contractor performance since Gordon McDaniel was part of the new contract team. Ann Martin stated that the Trustees were unaware of the SPRC concerns when they awarded the contract. The Trustees will review to determine who should monitor the contract in the future.

The Ashland Christian Church is seeking help in assisting 3 elderly brothers who currently live in inadequate housing in Ashland. Few details available at this time.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Kickoff - September 18th.

Dick Soulen preach on September 25th

Steve Hundley will preach on the Sunday of the R-MC Homecoming.

Church picnic will be July 24th.

Adult Vacation Bible School will take place in the evening July 24-28 at 6:45 pm.

For long range planning, David Hindman suggested organizing an UMVIM team for work along the Gulf Coast. May try to team with R-MC for this effort.

Special Mentions:

Kendra Swager did an excellent job leading the congregation while David and Sandra attended Annual Conference.

The Duncan Community provided exceptional support to the Holy Rollers on their way to Annual conference providing not only a dinner and breakfast but arranging for free housing at R-MC.

Closing: The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting is July 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stoakley