

Church Council Minutes

May 17, 2011

In Attendance: Joyce Rioux, Rev. Winkleblack, Susan Powers, Christopher Wilson, Vivian Brackett, Jeanette Baker, Beth Provost, Stuart Brown, John Rioux, Tim Krauss, Bill Thibodeau, Diane Ashworth, Jackie Palance, Heidi Flower, Matti Verzino, Jill Wilson

Meeting was opened with a devotion time by Heidi Flower

April minutes were accepted as written with thanks to Janice Moore.

Reports – in addition to those emailed out prior to meeting reports from Men's Fellowship and Music Director, and a Treasurer's report were received. Questions and clarifications regarding reports are as follows:

- Video license – John Rioux reported that the church has submitted the appropriate paperwork and we are covered for video presentations on our premises.
- Stolen Copper Downspouts – the claim with the insurance company is in progress. The vendor has been contacted regarding replacements. They will be replaced with a less expensive material.
- Mission Benefit Concert – Rethink committee will submit the required form to Finance committee.
- Snack Packs – Goal is total of 60 packs over the months of June, July, and August. They may be distributed through the Christian Fellowship Center in town.
- Tag Sale – being advertised through multiple routes; anyone can have their own table for a fee of \$20/space. Unsold items from the church table may be reclaimed by donor or they will be donated or trashed afterwards. Nothing will be saved.
- Parsonage –. Painting is nearly done. Hardwood floors have been refinished. Still needed: bathroom upgrade. Contractors have been contacted regarding gutter and water problems. Chris Wilson requested time during morning announcements to acknowledge volunteers that have given to parsonage upgrade.
- Finance – 13th month fund drive has yielded \$1183.00 through April. Counters need to record as separate income, from regular pledge. Restricted funds performed better than predicted. Pledge income is at 100% to date.

New Business:

1. Cleaning of building – One person is needed to clean dining hall every other week. Request will be made public to church members. Question raised about cleanliness of the south door entrance and lower hall way. **Sue will follow up with Carol Rivard.**

2. Terry Parker – will be unable to attend future Council meetings due to his new status on City Council. Also, he will be running to be a delegate to the next United Methodist General and Jurisdictional Conferences.
3. Handbell s– Jean Deegan from St. Joseph church has made a request to borrow our bells for \$10/octave for a Handbell event in the near future. **Heidi Flower agreed to mark our bells with an identifier, and itemize them before turning them over; also to relay that she is responsible for/if any damage should occur while the bells are in her possession.**
4. Nomination – Carla Heister was nominated as Stewardship chairperson for 2011. She was approved. **Sue Powers will welcome her to future Council meetings.**
5. Apportionments – We received a letter from Bishop Park congratulating us for giving 100% of our apportionments for 2010. We were one of 365 churches to do so, up from 358 in 2009
6. Annual Conference – everyone is welcome to attend the final day of Annual Conference 6/11/11 for a celebration of ministry together; similar to what occurred last year.
7. CT District Newsletter – encouraged everyone to read the many opportunities presented. Sue emphasized and encouraged the Church Leader to consider the webinars offered by the General Board of Discipleship. May 26 “Goodbye and Hello: When the Pastor changes; June 23 “Making Disciples in the Summertime; August 4: Growing Leaders. www.gbod.org/committee_resources to participate.
8. Parking Lot Ministry Program – Discussion held about re-running the program in 2011 or not. Council voted to support it again this coming summer. **Chris Wilson will be in contact with the Bristol Boys and Girls club to arrange.**
9. Members – Names of many people were lifted up as people we notice have been missing from church participation for some time. **Different individuals on the council agreed to contact them to relay our love and concern that we haven’t seen them lately.**
10. Associate Music Director – Emily Flower has submitted her resignation. **SPR will address the role and the future hiring of staff to fill this role.**
11. Nursery Care Provider – Job description has been written. **Chris Wilson to take this and our request for funding to the Roberts Foundation.**
12. Church Directory – maybe able to run this from Powerchurch program if photos are put in. **Jeannette Baker will contact Laura Taylor to see if she would be responsible for such photography.**

Next Council meeting: June 21, 2011 7pm

Submitted by
Jill Wilson