

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 28, 2011

Church Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by chair Susan Powers. Devotions were given by Jeanette Baker

In Attendance: Sue Powers, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Pastor Bob Sorozan, Jeanette Baker, Jeff Paulette, Jill Wilson, Chris Wilson, Carla Heister, Heidi Flower, Mattie Verzino, Carol Rivard.

Jackie, Chair of the Outreach committee presented Council with a mission of collecting non-perishables for Thanksgiving packages to be handed out at Zion Church. We will be putting out a box in Sessions Hall starting on November 6th. A notice will go into the October 30th bulletin. The collection will consist of canned veggies, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy and boxes of stuffing, instant potatoes and cake mixes. Council proposed to possibly take a collection of non-perishable foods once a month maybe on pot luck Sundays. Council approved.

Jackie, Chair of Women of Prospect proposed moving the Bargain Center under the umbrella of the Women of Prospect. The checking account is shared by the Women of Prospect and the Bargain Center. A question was raised as to the Bargain Center still doing outreach to areas like St. Vincent DePaul. It was assured that nothing was going to change with the way the bargain center functions. Just what umbrella it fell under. The Council approved to move the Bargain Center under the Umbrella of the Women of Prospect.

Rethink Church - Crop Walk thru the streets of Southington to raise money to fight hunger. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, 10/23/11.

Trunk or Treat will happen again this year on 10/30/11 from 1 - 3pm. Treaters will hand out goodies from their trunks of their vehicles. Either their vehicles will be decorated or they will be in costume or both. All are invited and asked to invite their friends with their children. Jeanette hopes to have a sign out in front of the church.

The Mission Concert for the Bishop's Hurricane Relief Fund was held in the Sanctuary. Jason Castonguay performed and raised \$350 for the fund.

Carol Rivard reported that the Town Of Plymouth had extra costumes. Carol will be bringing them to the church to donate to anyone in the church that could use some costumes and possibly donate some to any area children that are in need of costumes.

Trustees – Chris Wilson – October is work month – clean up the “cubbies” etc in the church. There is a work day scheduled for Sat. Oct. 22 for anyone not attending the retreat. We have a large dumpster in the lower parking lot for trash.

The BB&W Ensemble has concerts scheduled on Nov. 1st and Dec. 4th. They are asking if they can move the Dec. concert to the 6th instead.

Jill Wilson – the cost for the directional signs for various places in the church is approx. \$284. The cost is covered by Trustees under the Building Fund. It was asked of the office hours can be posted on the outer door near the office using a changeable sign that can be adapted as needed.

SPR – Joyce Rioux – wants council members to look at the Nursery Book and give feedback on it. We need more advertising for the 2 open positions of Nursery Care person and Asst. Music Director. The suggestion was made to go to an electronic version of the hymnal for the chapel service. Both hymnals we use are available from Cokesbury and can be downloaded on an iPod or other device to be programmed for use.

The New Members dinner is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 20th at 6:30 pm. Janice Moore will provide the dinner, volunteers will bring desserts, and help clean up. Approx. 16 people are expected.

The Planning Retreat for Saturday Oct. 22 is scheduled from 10 am to 3 pm – we will meet in the upper parking lot at 9 am and car-pool to the retreat location. We will be using the “Vital Congregations” planning guide for the NYAC as the focus of this retreat. Pastor Bob has to report on this to our DS by mid-December.

Sanctuary Projection System – this should be utilized more than it is, currently. The Technology committee oversees this but it is open to any committee who wants to use it; just sign up with the Technology Committee. More hands are needed to do the “input” phase of using the system – perhaps a training class for more people to learn how to use it.

There needs to be a change in our Charge Conference date. Pastor Bob will be doing the charge conference for Asbury on Dec. 4th. It was suggested that we have our conference on January 8th, after church and lunch; with Jan. 15th as a snow date, if needed. We will try to get Pastor Woody Eddins to officiate for this. We will do the regular reports booklet that we do every year. It was suggested that we do a video report for our DS, Ken Keiffer.

Finance – John Rioux – Tim Krauss has created a new sheet for the council to show the Fund balances for all the church committees.

Men’s Group – is sponsoring a Health Forum on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 9 am to 12 noon – there will be speakers if interest on such things as pilates, yoga, tai-chi, etc. They are also sponsoring a fund-raising dinner in the downstairs dining room on March 31, 2012; 5-6:30 pm. More information will be available as the time gets closer.

Middle Agers group – Gary Gladu reports that beginning interest in the new group is good – they have a balcony storage area that will be cleaned up by the end of the month. Tickest are already being sold for this years’ Victorian Tea on Dec. 10th.

Olan Mills representatives came to the church office to drop off materials regarding a new church directory. Our last directory was done in 2007. It was decided to table further discussion until after the busy holiday season. It will be brought up again in March or April 2012.

Advent Study – Pastor Bob will offer a study during Advent on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings, Nov. 29th, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 7 p.m. This will be on the book “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton. Interested people can sign up, books will be ordered and we can pay for them when they come in.

The Stevens Ministry training will be attended by several folks from Prospect on Oct. 29th.

The question was raised as to whether or not we need a Safe Sanctuaries committee? The consensus is “yes” – we do need the committee, even though it does not need to meet very often, as they are the compliance group for guidelines. There are presently only 3 members on this committee – we should make an effort to find more interested people for this.

Speed Dating –
Outreach Oct. 25 Worship Nov 13
Education Oct. 26 Church Council Nov 15
Re-Think Nov. 7 Trustees Nov 17
SPR Nov 8
Finance Nov 10

This year’s Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on Weds. Nov 23 at St. Joseph RC Church, on the green. Pastor Bob will be preaching.

A reminder for committee chairs to check with their members regarding who will remain on the committee and who will be leaving or taking on something different in 2012. Report to Pastor Bob as soon as possible.

Nest meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Moore, recording secretary.