

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

In Attendance: Sue Powers, Heidi Flower, Janice Moore, Carla Heister, Jeanette Baker, Bill Katt, Karen Rochelle, Jill Wilson, Vivian Brackett, Joyce Rioux, John Rioux, Chris Wilson, Gary Gladu.

Excused - Stuart Brown, Bill Thibideau.

Council meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Vivian Brackett offered the opening devotion.

August minutes were accepted.

Fair Committee - Karen Rochelle asking for help in moving the parlor furniture and set-up on Friday evening. She reports that we have the opportunity for free advertising in the Federal Hill Happenings newsletter. Vivian Brackett added that we also have a ¼ page ad available every month in the Bristol Press, also for free.

Worship - there have been many baptisms, with more to come, since Pastor Bob started here. We will connect with Membership committee to get list of names and family info to get the Cradle Roll up and running again. Lots of family members and other children attend the baptisms - is there a children's packet, information packet available to give to these folks?

We would like to start taping Bob's sermons, either with the existing equipment, then burned to digital, or with a digital recorder, so the sermons can be on the website.

Trustees - Chris Wilson reports that October will be designated "Clean the Church" month - all groups with storage areas are urged to clean them out - anything not used within past 5 years should be thrown out - there will be a large dumpster in the lower parking lot for this. There is also a room full of items belonging to Troop 2 - Gerry Lee will be contacted about this. Also there is equipment in the hallway near the Chapel from the summer parking lot group that has to be taken care of. Question regarding the rolling bulletin boards in the hall outside Rm. 208. Who do they belong to?

Gary Gladu reports there is good feedback so far on the new "Middle Age" group.

Staff-Parish - Joyce Rioux wants to know if there is a "Nursery Policy" handbook; if so, where is it?

October Retreat - Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Jan Moore gave information regarding costs to use St. Thomas Seminary. The suggestion of using another Methodist church was also raised, Sue Powers said that she would get in touch with Pastor Bob regarding this.

Nominations/ Lay Leadership - asks that all Committee chairs check with their respective members to find out if they intend to serve in 2012; report by Oct. 2nd to Pastor Bob so he will have an idea of how many open spots there will be.

Office coverage is Mon - Fri 9 am to 12 noon. Tuesday coverage is needed.

Janice Moore reports that there is a young mother with 2 children who will sometimes need a ride to church - will ask congregation for volunteers for this. Joyce and Jeanette also said they could help with this.

Bill Thibodeau reports that the next Men's Group meeting is scheduled for Sat. Oct 1st, at 8 am at the home of Lang Ashworth.

Carla Heister reports she has noticed that several area churches are listed to receive donations from United Way. How does one get on this list? Answer is that there has to be a specific program being offered at the church. We are on the list of National Historic Places; but we are not on the State Historic Places list - we should look into getting on that list as there are grants available.

Jill Wilson will be taking a mission trip to Haiti in January - she is asking for donations for items needed to make "Birthing Kits" to take with her.

History - Vivian Brackett reports that Mary Ellen Zoppo from the Federal Hill Assoc. has asked permission to use the image of our church as a landmark for a new pewter ornament - Woodbury Pewter Co. will crate the ornaments; and there will be a presentation and "pre-sale" in November during fellowship hour. We would receive a percentage of the sales.

The Stephen Ministry training in Berlin on Oct. 29 has 6 people attending from Prospect.

The Halloween "Trunk or Treat" will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 30th.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 7 p.m. Jeanette Baker is scheduled to lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Moore, recording secretary.