

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009: 7 P.M.

1. The July minutes were approved.
2. Nancy reported that Laity Sunday would be October 25th.
3. Eunice reported that many concerns have been expressed over the past several months about Youth Ministry, and Sunday School in particular. Since the parsonage now sits empty, this might be an opportune time to offer it as housing for a Youth Director position. Pastor Ed would be a great asset to compliment such a person dedicated full time to Christian youth ministry. Nancy agreed that this was a good idea and deserving of careful planning. Alfred agreed that adults would follow their children into church, and that we should give it a try. Nancy added that the Washington seminary has intern programs. Bob expressed a concern about time commitment. Sherry supported the idea and was looking for further details. David said that he was inspired by the youth participation at conference. Eunice formed a task force to further explore the feasibility of such a position.
 - Nancy – Chair, Willie, Ralph Crabill, and Lisa Currie and Abby Walters would be asked. The task force will report next month, in time for inclusion in the budget cycle, if appropriate. A model job description was given to the task force
4. Ruth reported on Worship Committee progress on their 2008 goals for Conference: 5th Sundays could be used for a contemporary service that youth would assist with. Youth programs, like for the paraments and the Sacraments, could be offered. Bob asked about more active involvement for the youth, perhaps the Youth Choir singing @ the 8 o'clock service. Ruth continued with the use of banners to advertise events.
5. Dianne reported on Membership care goals: She thanked all for their help @ the Yard Party which cleared \$753. The committee would like to create a formal visitation program to supplement the work of the Pastor. All requests for aid have been met this year. The Friendship lunches have been expanded to 6 months. Sponsors are needed for gifts for new members and for visitor recognition and follow-up. Parking for seniors would be assisted with improved signage. This item was referred to Trustees
6. Mission Committee- no report on goals met for 2009
7. Finance- Currently, the use of electronic debit is not cost effective.
8. SPPR – Willie reported that the staff needs hugs and thanks. The conflict resolution workshop put on by the district is put on hold. The congregation and leadership is encouraged to come to Willie with concerns, and follow the procedures outlined in the policy manual
9. Trustees – Sherry reported that the carpet would all be installed on October 5 and 6. Help is needed Sunday @ 4 p.m. to empty the rooms of furniture. Whitesell will do the organ tuning with an annual contract. Erie Insurance has been chosen to provide insurance coverage. The choir loft expansion and the handicap ramp proposal are still in discussion.
 - Trustees agreed to allow the Heritage Society to include the sanctuary and the parsonage for their Homes Tour on Saturday, December 12 from 10 to 3 p.m. Many agreed to help with the project. The wood floors will be waxed for the holidays this year

- There will be a Halloween Party on October 28th. Come in costume.

Willie inquired about the cleaning policy following events using church facilities. Council advised the Trustees to charge all users a cleaning fee, to cover the cost of facility use and labor

Finance report: Alfred reports that if current patterns continue, **we will run a deficit of \$9000 for 2009.** This must be addressed in October. (We might consider a spending freeze for all discretionary items)

Education report: Scott reported that the Sunday Schools are off to a shaky start in terms of attendance. Programs are in place as incentives, and curriculums have been laid out for teachers. We continue to have many empty positions in Children's ministry, and he strongly supports the hiring of a Youth Director.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✚ CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS ARE DUE TO EUNICE BY OCTOBER 20
- ✚ THE 2010 GOALS MEETING IS OCTOBER 11TH @ 12:30 FOLLOWING CHURCH. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- ✚ COUNCIL METING IS OCTOBER 20TH @ 7 P.M.
- ✚ CHARGE CONFERENCE IS NOVEMBER 11TH @ 7 P.M. FOLLOWING OUR WED. THANKSGIVING DINNER. PLEASE HELP TO CLEAN UP AND THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE JOY ROOM
- ✚ FINANCE/BUDGET MEETING: SEPTEMBER 21, 7 P.M.