

LAITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 1, 2010

OPENING:

The meeting began at 6:30 pm. in the Welcome Friends classroom.

Karissa Workman, Vice Chairperson of Laity Council, opened the meeting reminding everyone that she would be leading the meeting in Phyllis Klock's absence. She asked everyone first to take a moment to remind ourselves of what was in the minutes.

Pastor Brian Pikalow prayed for our meeting.

Dianna Bates made a motion that the minutes be accepted, and Greg Johnson seconded. The minutes were accepted without objection.

UPDATES:

Finance -- Nancy Trinchitella, Church Administrator, reported in Kevin Smith's absence. We are approximately \$15-16,000 behind last year in giving. The cash flow is still manageable, thanks to our staff and to the committees which have been so careful with spending. We are about where the projections were for the timeframe and optimistic in looking forward to things being better. We are being faithful in our apportionments which we tithe on a monthly basis. The staff is stable. We expect a dip in giving which is common during the summer period, and Kevin will be sending out a summertime giving letter.

Trustees -- Bob Burkhart, Trustees Chairperson, reported that it has been determined that the fire suppression system is not connected to the alarm in the kitchen. It will cost about \$600 to fix the wiring in the oven hood. The Fire Marshall will make his inspection in mid-June. We need to plant two 12-foot trees to replace the tree removed in the playground area (per the City of Maitland). One person wants to give one tree as a memorial gift. We will offer the opportunity for the other to be purchased through memorial giving also. The Trustees are exploring the possibility of a two-phased roof repair. The approximate cost is \$29-39,000. While the Trustees do not have sufficient funds at this time, they recognize that the longer we wait, the worse the situation will get and the more the costs will increase. Ben Celones is still looking into other options and will present them at the next Trustees meeting later this month.

Staff-Parish Relations -- Derek Scott, Chairperson, reported that the budget is still supporting the staff we have. Pastor Brian Pikalow could be "appointable" next July if he passes the Conference board in January/February. Brian will be taking one class through Emory this fall, at the conclusion of which he can transfer to the Elder track.

Youth -- Greg Johnson, Youth Director, thanked all who attended the YMA meetings last week. Greg feels this was very successful and many good suggestions have resulted. Greg will meet with Pastor Scott to flesh out an 18-month plan. There will be two teams -- a five member Renovation Team and a team of Enrich U members headed by Dennis Stevenson. The teams will meet in June and July and report in August. Bruce Snyder will put the Youth Ministry Architects assessment on-line for the congregation to read. Mountain Top is coming up soon for the youth. Greg asked that we keep them in our prayers and contact him if we have any supplies they need.

Missions -- Dianna Bates, Chairperson, noted that Missions purchased a generator with funds accumulated through their fundraising efforts in order that the Missions Team be able to keep the kitchen open (for church members only) if we have hurricanes and other storms this year. We want people to be able to come to us for help. Missions also plans to develop lists of persons who may not want to be home alone during a storm or who live in trailers so as to match these persons with others who are willing to open their homes. There will be a fundraising event in June.

Enrich U -- Dennis Stevenson, Chairperson, noted that they are on hiatus for the next two months. There will be a meeting on the 20th to realign coaches as several have dropped due to burn-out. There will be a curriculum fair on August 15th with a potato lunch afterwards. WNL will begin again on September 8th. The next meeting of the committee-at-large will be on June 28th. Jeanne Farmer is doing a great job! Peggy Harris is moving on to another area where her spiritual gifts are leading her, so Jeanne and the committee will need more help. They expect to have about half the number of groups we had in the spring start in the fall with the leftover 40 Days of Love curriculum. Training for this will be in July. Jerri Rickard asked Dennis if these would be at the church or in homes. Dennis always wants a full house for WNL, but they are stressing home groups on other evenings.

OTHER

The Florida Annual Conference will be in Lakeland next week. There will be a special offering collected on Sunday, with 80% going to UMC in Haiti and 20% to child hunger. Tony Rosenberger will be ordained as a Full Elder on Friday at Annual Conference.

Our church-wide fundraiser will be held on July 21st. Bruce Wallace is instrumental in bringing music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. There will be a silent auction, and Pastor Scott is seeking help with this. Ticket sales for the meal and the concert will help underwrite our finances, as will additional special offerings.

Pastor Scott is serving as an Elder/Mentor to Daniel Ivey at College Park UMC. Daniel is a candidate for ministry who recently completed Asbury Seminary. Pastor Scott and Daniel will be meeting this Friday. Nancy, Scott, and Charlie Nelson will be helping out with financial questions/issues.

Lay Leader Paul Schumacher, Pastor Brian, Pastor Scott and Nancy will be going to Grace UMC in Cape Coral to meet with Pastor George Acevedo.

Everyone is very excited about the YMA report outcome and next steps.

The Executive Committee has established an organ fund. Significant memorial monies have been given already, with more promised at the first of the year. We need to make it known that others can donate as well.

Pastor Scott has celebrated his fifth year at Asbury and has been appointed to return for a sixth year.

Bruce and Pastor Scott have produced a video of Jack Nichols talking about his experience in the 40 Days of Love small group study. This will encourage all to remain involved in a small group. A video with Bruce King will promote the men's Mulligan Bible Study. This class has been given permission to meet at 1:00 pm on Sunday afternoons at Deer Run during the summer. After the Bible study, the participants may play golf at a discount. Bruce will give golf lessons to those who might like them.

Please be in prayer for those who are in the hospital and those who have suffered losses recently.

Our next meeting will be Monday, 8/30/10.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dennis Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer at 7:09 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Greg Johnson, Nancy Trinchitella, Dave Brown, Derek Scott, Bob Burkhart, Dianna Bates, Cutler Brice, Jerri Rickard, Dennis Stevenson, Tom Russell, Karissa Workman, Scott Harris, Bruce Snyder, Brian Pikalow, Paul Schumacher, Hillary Swengel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hillary Swengel
Recording Secretary