

LAITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 30, 2010

OPENING:

Laity Council Chair Phyllis Klock opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. in Room 15.

Pastor Scott Harris offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the June 1st meeting were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Scott distributed the 2011 Stewardship Program Calendar (see attached) and discussed plans for this year's stewardship campaign. The campaign will be more of a "hands-on" effort this year and will emphasize all aspects of stewardship (financial resources, time and talent). A church-wide mission and outreach emphasis on October 30th will feature a wide variety of mission opportunities. A series of letters will be sent to the congregation, with most of the letters drafted by Finance Committee Chair Kevin Smith. Pastor Scott will author the letter on tithing. Sermons and testimonies during October will emphasize stewardship. There also will be a video and a series of presentations/discussions in various small groups. All church leaders will be asked to make lead gifts and to participate in a leadership prayer meeting.

UPDATES:

Finance -- Kevin Smith reported that the preparation of the 2011 budget is in progress. (The results will be presented to the Council for an electronic vote.) Giving currently is running approximately \$7,000 behind this time last year. The cash flow is still manageable, thanks to our staff and to the committees which have been so careful with spending.

Trustees -- Bob Burkhart, Trustees Chair, reported that the fire inspection has been completed. Of serious concern is the fact that the church's flat roofs are in need of repair/replacement, with the projected cost exceeding the funds available in the Trustee's savings account. The bills for the HVAC system have been paid in full to the vendors, but \$8,000 remains to be reimbursed from our internal borrowing. We may need to re-pave our parking lots in the near future.

Staff-Parish Relations -- Chair Derek Scott, Chairperson, reported that Yvette Pond has resigned as Preschool Director to assume a similar role at another church. The Committee is seeking a replacement for this part-time position. Tom Russell continues to be seriously ill, and several staff members and/or members of the choir currently are handling various aspects of his position.

Youth -- Greg Johnson, Youth Director, shared compliments to the youth for their participation in Youth Sunday and the various youth programs.

Missions – Chair Dianna Bates thanked the youth for their work with IHN.

Enrich U – Chair Dennis Stevenson reported on the merger of the Campbell and Adventure Sunday School classes. Pastor Brian is making an extra effort for classes at the 11:00 am. time and is also planning a reception for newcomers. The Wednesday Night Live kickoff will be this Wednesday. A Leadership Dinner was held for the Life Group leaders.

OTHER

Pastor Scott reported that Honor the Badge will be held on September 11 and is seeking a strong showing from the Asbury family. While we are handicapped by the loss of Tom Russell's participation in this program, Wanda Brown is working with the choir on this effort. The fire and police chiefs will be attending, as will the mayor. The Maitland Men's Club is not available to assist with the food as they have in the past, but we are working on a replacement and the menu. This event continues to be joint program with Orangewood, and Pastor Brian is checking on the participation of the Orangewood youth choir.

Pastor Scott indicated that the volleyball tournament between members of the Maitland Fire Department and the chaplains held at Orangewood was very successful.

Bruce Snyder and Pastor Scott are teaching three sections of Disciple, with a total of approximately 60 students. A Discover Asbury class led by the Kochs will be held in six consecutive sessions during the 9:45 am Sunday School time. All members who have joined Asbury during the past year have been invited to attend.

We are continuing to work with College Park UMC. A meeting with our District Superintendent is scheduled for September 13th, at which time we will seek to clarify the expectations for this effort. Bruce Wallace is helping with the music program at College Park.

Laitry Sunday will be held on September 12th. Lay Leader Paul Schumacher will be preaching at the 8:15 am. and 11:00 am services.

Jerri Rickard announced that the 2011 calendaring meeting will be held on October 11th and requested that all requests for 2011 meeting dates/times be sent to her prior to that meeting.

Pastor Scott is working with Jeff Stiggins to hold a Leadership Retreat, most likely in January.

The tentative date for this year's Charge Conference is November 2nd. This will be a combined meeting, with three or four other churches also participating.

Pastor Scott expressed his thanks and that of the congregation for the work of the various persons who are sustaining our music program during Tom Russell's absence. Phyllis Klock will send notes of appreciation on behalf of the Laity Council to Wanda Brown, Lani Schumacher, Alisa Alexander, Lisa Wallace and Ron Aycock.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 29, 2010.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Karissa Workman closed the meeting with prayer at 7:15 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Phyllis Klock, Charles Nelson, Kevin Smith, Dave Brown, Scott Harris, Bruce Snyder, Greg Johnson, Wayne Bates, Dianna Bates, Jerri Rickard, Bob Burkhart, Nancy Trinchitella, Derek Scott, Karissa Workman, Dennis Stevenson, Paul Schumacher.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Klock, Chair

Based on Notes Taken by Charles Nelson