

Laity Council Meeting
April 30, 2007

Members Present:

Pastor Scott Harris
Pastor Molly Warren
Pastor Brian Pikalow
Pastor Bill Holleran
Tom Russell
Nancy Trinchitella
Paul Cross
Bill Bowmar
Phyllis Klock
Shirley Ashley
Deborah Taylor
Jade Andersen
Hillary Swengel
Amber Smigielski
Terry Richardi
Paul O'Dea
Derek Scott
Joan Kessler

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Phyllis Klock.

Pastor Scott opened with prayer.

The minutes from January 29, 2007 were approved.

Two new members were introduced:

Richard Adams - new Vice Chair

Amber Smigielski - Youth Representative

Louise Mitchell will be replacing Glennie Burns as the Greeter Coordinator.

The Church Office has requested that we coordinate all events and activities with the church calendar to ensure that there are no conflicts.

Reports:

Finance - Derek Scott gave budget update.

Staff-Parish - Paul O'Dea announced Bruce Snyder is replacing Carla Smith as Publishing Secretary and that Bill Holleran has joined Asbury as Youth Pastor.

Trustees - Paul Cross reported on the status of the roof, landscaping, and altars for the chapel.

New Vision Statement - Pastor Pik reported on promoting through signs, the Rider, and displays. He presented pictures for display in the Narthex.

Welcome Center - Pastor Scott reported on the need for this at Asbury.

Reggie McNeal Follow-up – Pastor Scott reported on the follow-up brainstorming session and discussed how much community outreach is already going on. Phyllis asked for volunteers for the follow-up forum.

Community Outreach – Important to celebrate our successes, give brief testimonies during worship services to communicate ways we connect with our community to fulfill our vision. Discussed the following:

MS Bike Ride

Children's Easter Festival

Music Concerts

Celebrate Recovery - church van transporting veterans from VA Hospital residential treatment center; plans for community Thanksgiving dinner

Thank you notes to teachers at local schools

September 11th Remembrance to honor local police, firefighters, and paramedics

Marriage Workshop

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Russell Home Ministry

Orlando Rescue Mission

Widow's Might

Stephen Ministry (lay directed crisis intervention ministry, a ministry of presence and listening) - Scott reported that Lou Williams will train as the leader and then train other Stephen ministers. Scott's vision for congregational and pastoral care includes Celebrate Recovery, Stephen Ministry and a counseling center.

Pastor Bill reported on youth activities including Surf Camp and the Asbury College summer interns. He also described the Celebrate Recovery youth program.

Richard Adams gave the closing prayer.