

Grace United Methodist Church Council

January 18, 2010



Bill Swarens called the Church Council to Order at 7:30 pm & opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 16th meeting were presented, reviewed, and changes were accepted. There was not December council meeting due to inclement weather.

Treasurer: See report.

- ❖ We were 90% on our 2009 Budget.
 - PNC Bank only allowed us to write 3 checks a month w/o a service charge. Commercial banking fees are being charged for making deposits & we should look into moving the parsonage fund to another bank. She will look into BB&T since they have a good reputation.

Pastor's Report:

- ✚ Bill Swarens asked about the PC's that we got from UMCOR. Hank said he took them back to Richmond to get their hard drives wiped clean.
 - Sharon Pardue has 2 desks from Office Depot that she will store until we have the space to use them.
- ✚ Hank is sending out reports to Mark Ogren & he needs a list of how many participants
- ✚ Bill Walker will be taking on more pastor type responsibilities with visitation.
- ✚ VBS needs to be set & Hank called Krista Watson to approve the July 19-23, 2010 schedule.
- ✚ Hank is looking into "Serving From the Heart", an 8-week bible study that has to do with spiritual gifts.
 - Chris Unruh asked "Where is the follow-up after these classes?"
 - Hank said Grace UMC is focused on the Radical Hospitality from the Five Practices. We have started "First Friends" (someone being assigned to a new person/family, as well as a new "Welcome" package.
 - Main leader committee decided to focus on 1st phase.
 - Rex & Ben are starting another financial class.
 - Carol started "Sisters..." & Rich started "Brothers..." Sunday classes.
- ✚ We need to prepare for the revival and set the date in September.
- ✚ Jean Ryder is taking over Jr. Church responsibilities & has given Hank her curriculum.
- ✚ Janet McCaslin wants to hand off the "Lay Witness" trip she won to someone at Grace UMC.
- ✚ Connie Barnes created a new "Reimbursement Form" that needs to be used for persons wanting reimbursement for supplies. This should help with our auditing practices as well.

Nominations: No report.

Building Committee: No report.

Children/Youth Ministries Team:

- ❖ Raised \$1,240 for Stop Hunger Now on December 13th.
- ❖ Had to cut their Lock-In short due to bad weather, but they enjoyed dinner & movies before returning home.
- ❖ The District Youth Council is working on Health Kits to collect.

Adult Choir:

- ❖ Had the Adult cantata performance on December 27th from the snow date.
- ❖ Will perform "Because He Lives" on March 28th for Palm Sunday.
- ❖ Robert Smith will orchestrate the choir once a month.

Youth Choir:

- ❖ Had the children's evening performance on December 27th from the snow date.
- ❖ Had 10 kids attend the Riverside play.
- ❖ Planning another performance on March 14th at the 11 AM service.

Bell Choir:

- ❖ Will perform at the Easter Sunrise service on April 4th.

- ❖ Will perform “Star Wars” on June 26th.

UMW: No report.

Missions: No report.

Praise Band: No report.

Finance Committee:

- ❖ Any contributions to Adult Ministries will be combined with Missions, which will support Grace Plates & 3-H guest speakers.
 - Starting in 2011, Nancy Collette will give us her budget needs in these two areas.
- ❖ Closing the books for the audit by January 31st.

Communications Team: No report.

Trustees: Leaves and road clean up on November 7th @ 9:30 AM.

Cemetery: No report.

UMM:

- ❖ Planning their Spaghetti Dinner for this Saturday.
- ❖ Served 38 for their community breakfast.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth: No report.

PPR:

- ❖ Our old Administrative Assistant left as of December 31st. Tamey Havener is our temporary Adm. Assist.
 - Ads are being placed in for replacing that position for January 31st in both newspapers.
- ❖ Filled out Hank’s official retirement paperwork.
 - We need a charge conference to increase the minimum new pastor to \$35,880, if we get a local pastor & possibly moving expenses.
 - New pastor needs a housing allowance that should be \$18,000, due to an average for a 4-bed room rental house.
 - Need to advertise in Grace Place the process.
 - We should know by late April who the District assigns as our new pastor.
 - A charge conference needs to be held after announcement to approve the new pastor.

New Business:

- ❖ Larry Goldsmith is confirming the 2010 Calendar dates with all of the committees/teams.
- ❖ Larry Goldsmith is starting a prayer service on January 21st @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary, as well as a new Bible Study after the Book of James ends in 2 weeks.

Next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15th @ 7:30 PM. No further business, meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Hank.

Attendees:

Bill Swarens

Shayne & Tamey Havener

Angia Timmons

Hank McCaslin

Chris Unruh

Jolynn Swift

Sharon Pardue

Paul Storie

Larry Goldsmith