

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Council Meeting
February 15, 2011

Council Members in Attendance: See Roster

Tom Cook, Lay Leader, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cindy Amos opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting in September were available for review.

Tom reviewed the agenda for the evening and the following reports were given:

- Passionate Worship:
 - o The sound system is working but we are still tweaking it to work out the bugs.
 - o The lighting has improved immensely.
 - o Journey to Bethlehem was a huge success. Thank you to Cindy Amos and Bill Austin for making the quick change to move the event indoors. The numbers were down due to the move, but with the weather, it was the right decision. Thank you also to the UMM who braved the cold to help with the parking.

- Intentional Faith Development:
 - o The church-wide study is on-going and the groups are going well.
 - o Heather Evans stated the VBS curriculum has been chosen and the advertising will be going in March.
 - o Andrew DiAntonio stated Confirmation was going well as were the youth programs. He updated the group on *Tuesday Night Live*, this year's theme for Fat Tuesday.
 - o Jason stated that Andrew was doing a great job as Youth Director. He told the group of a 50 year old person who wants to be baptized but wants a better understanding of faith. It started he and Dennis thinking about an adult confirmation type experience. St. Augustine wrote a book on Faith, Hope and Love. Dennis and Jason are writing a curriculum that will be used for the year long course that will end during Lent next year.
 - o Dennis added he was really looking forward to the class and having a few 17 year olds in with the adult group.

- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
 - o Tom Devine stated they were working to put together a joint class with Rising hope to meet the needs of those going to Rising Hope and to plug AUMC folks into the model to assist.
 - o They are planning a joint UMM and UMW session/mentoring group with the groups from Rising Hope.
 - o Jason reported the following numbers for the summer mission trip to Guatemala: 45 on the youth team; 15 on the adult team; and 15 on the college team
 - o Jason also let us know we will have interns in Cambodia and Guatemala this summer.

- Radical Hospitality
 - o Julie stated in keeping with the Mudhouse study
 - Intentional eating for the Wednesday Night Dinner
 - Talk about menus to update what we serve
 - Meet with Charlie McDowell and Mary Porter to find healthy choices
 - o A small group from the Hospitality team is working to revamp how people join the church
 - o Working to make the service and capital campaign information available right away
 - o A phone team will be established to follow-up with visitors or those who have been coming for several weeks
 - o Young Family event in January was a success but smaller than the last one. A small group formed out of it that is doing the church wide study
 - o Volunteer Campaign book will be mailed out in March
 - o A new pictorial directory is being put together. Photos will be taken in May and June.

- Extravagant Generosity
 - o Finance: Steve Larkin stated there is good news to report because each one of you took to heart you have a calling to do God's work but are mindful of our limited resources. For the year-end report of 2010, there is a \$23,000 surplus.
 - o Bonds: due to the capital campaign, we are able to redeem \$219,000 in advance of the schedule.
 - o Shepherd Hall Budget: the year end report for 2010 was presented and the budget for 2011 was presented.
 - Discussion followed the presentation

Steve Larkin moved the 2011 target budget for Shepherd Hall be approved as presented. Cindy Amos seconded the motion. More discussion followed. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- o There was some discussion on the 2011 Mission and Ministry budget.
- o Trustees: Jay Steadman reported the sound system and lighting updates were almost complete. All of the dollars used in the upgrades came from Gifts and Memorials and other designated gifts.
- o Limited mobility spaces for Sunday use only have been added to the church parking lot – a total of 8.
- o Additional discussion occurred for items in the Trustee budget.
- o Gifts and Memorials has money to give, so look into filling out a request.
- o SPRC – Carol Ricciardello
 - SPRC presented a proposal for Dennis to be given a four-month continuing education and spiritual growth opportunity (sabbatical) over the summer months of 2011
 - Proposal attached.

Carol moved the council approve the four month opportunity for Dennis from June to October 2011 with the actual dates TBD. Bill Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- UMW – Deborah Chusmir reported on UM Day at the General Assembly in Richmond (260 UM's went); the circles made heart shaped pillows to be given to heart surgery patients; there will be a prayer breakfast on March 12; the annual Fashion Show to raise money for Rising Hope and UCM will be held April 9.
- UMM: Ed Little reported on the dinners coming up and the speakers.

Other Business:

- Joel Team: A list of names was passed out to the council and is attached. Discussion followed about what the team would do and when they would meet.

Steve Larkin moved the list of names be approved as submitted. Ed Little seconded the motion. A vote was called and the passed unanimously.

Bill Armstrong closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Phillips
Recorder