

Minutes
 White Plains United Methodist Church, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting and Church Council
 March 18, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the following present:

Laura Minick led the attendees in a hymn.

Rev. Ray Broadwell led the devotion based on II Cor 10:15-21. He informed that the Wesley Forum will be led by Paul Chilcoat. Rev. Kelly Lyn Logue distributed a book, Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit, to the attendees for use in their personal devotions. One of the book's entries was used as a prayer during the meeting devotion.

Chairman Bruce Cranfill gave welcoming remarks and reminded the board and council members to focus on the Mission Statement printed on the agenda in all that is done as part of the Board and Council efforts.

Old Business

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Church Staff Reports

Laura Minick gave the Music Ministry Report including the following items. A full report is available:

- Submitted a schedule of past and upcoming Music events
- Thanked church for sending her and Bert Fox to the American Choral Director's Association National Convention.
- Went over vision items for the Music ministry including
 - a. Youth Orchestra to play at least monthly in worship
 - b. New Spirit to assist in leading 9:45 service monthly
 - c. Reinstate organ committee to address organ needs
 - d. Fill accompanying position and hand bell position. Part of the hand bell position is filled already with a volunteer for the Tuesday night session.

Carol Carawon gave the Children's Ministry report including the following items. A full report is available:

- Bible Blitz children will explain the Seder meal at the March 28 Wednesday Dinner
- In keeping with the F.R.O.G theme, the Children's Ministry will have tadpoles at the Easter Egg-stravaganza.
- Children's ministries will celebrate volunteers on April 29th during the 11:00 service. The Children will be participating in the service that day.
- Reported on upcoming summer Children programs such as VBS and children's camps.

Amanda Russell and Chip Reap gave the Youth Ministry Report including the following: A full report is available.

- Reported on the Winter Retreat (skiing) in January
- Reported on the Discovery Weekend for Mid-Highs in February
- Collected over \$1200 in the 30 Hr Famine in March.
- Youth Sunday will be April 22
- Oldies Drive In will be May 4th
- Confirmation Sunday will be May 6

Edith Salazar gave the Luz del Pueblo report including the following: A full report is available.

- Goal of the ministry is to make disciples for Christ
- Objective is to share the love of Christ through the ministry.

- Shared a weekly schedule of events and the average number attending.
- Shared current and upcoming special events for children and adults.
- Reported that the Luz del Pueblo congregation is supporting a pastor's family in Mexico until July 2007

Lorinda Janik gave the Adult, Family and Lay Ministries report including the following. A full report is available.

- New Young Adult Class (age 18 to 28) is going well.
- There are two Thursday morning Women's Bible Studies taking place.
- Stuffed animals collected were donated to the Cary Fire Department.
- Reported on the first Movie Club event
- Marriage Study has been postponed due to lack of signups.
- Crosswave Youth Ministries gave concert on March 17th and shared in worship and SS on March 18th.
- Upcoming events include Wings Retreat on March 23-25
- Puppet Team will perform at the Wed Night Dinner on Apr. 11.
- New Single Adult Class (ages 28+) will begin on Apr 15.
- Next Movie Club event will be Apr 13th.
- Pictorial Directory dates are weeks of May 14th and May 21st.

Rev. Kelly Lyn Logue gave the Pastor of Membership Care and Evangelism Report including the following. Additional details in a report are available.

- The 4 week course on The Basics is in progress. Will be offered at least twice a year.
- 22 weeks into the 28 week Christian Believer class.
- March 25th will be the commissioning service for the new Stephen Ministers.
- March 26th will be service commitment training for Lay Readers and April 16th training for Lay Visitors to members in the hospital.
- Reported on the upcoming Holy Week services including Service of Footwashing and Holy Communion, Service of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness), Prayer Labyrinth on Holy Saturday, and Sunrise Service on Easter Morning.
- Summer Reading program is to start in June. The book titles and schedule are available.
- Multiplying Ministries – Lay Leadership Committee is meeting with other churches to learn new ways to invite others to ministry and to practice new ways of identifying members for service in preparation for Fall nominations.

Rev. Ray Broadwell gave the Senior Pastor Report including the following. A full report is available.

- Expressed appreciation for the ministry team and the laity at WPUMC and gratitude for their partnership in the Gospel.
- Reminded everyone to faithfully observe the leadership covenants made as Council members.
- Explained the importance of the Holy Week services.
- Heritage Sunday is April 15th.
- Plans to request that SPRC appoint Edith Salazar as a Part-time Local Pastor effective July 1 at their April meeting. This will reinforce White Plains' commitment to her and the Hispanic ministry.

Other Updates

Greg Wallace explained why White Plains is incorporated. Basically, it is to provide an effective way for the Church to legally deal with ownership of property and Church Business. Members 18 and Older are official members of the corporation and the Members of the Church Council are the Board of Directors. The Church's Annual Meeting is also the Corporate Annual Meeting. There is no effect on the ministries of the church resulting from the Incorporation of the church.

Graham Wilson gave the report on the Aaron Team activities including the following. A full report is available.

- The Aaron Team met on March 15, 2007.
- Two of the 90 day goals are completed. They are Small Group discussions on Unity Weekend and Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation held.

- Three 90 day goals ongoing: Consensus decision making. Supporting the Church Theme. Home visits by Rev. and Mrs. Broadwell.
- One 1 year goal is complete. That is to participate in the 40 Days of Transformed Life Stewardship Ministry.
- Three 1 yr goals are ongoing: Constant reminding that Jesus is the center of the Church by Church leadership. Focus on being Mission oriented. Becoming a more lively church with a better attitude.
- An additional goal is to discern what kind of church White Plains wants to be, establish better trust between laity and staff and pastors. The church will request help from Cornerstone Consultants to develop a process.

Ministry Area Reports

Pat LiVecchi gave the Nurture Committee Report including the following. A full report is available.

- Praised God for renewed vitality in Nurture Ministry Areas and asked for prayers of support and participation
- Hands for God Puppet Ministry is very active both in the church and in the community.
- Higher Education Committee is compiling an email directory and is informing college students of events in the church. Will be looking for Sunday Schools to Adopt – A – Freshman.
- Hospitality Committee now has teams of people to fulfill needs.
- Men's Ministry is planning 2007 retreat. UM Men's Fellowship Breakfasts have been well attended.
- Photography Club is in the planning stages.
- Scholarship Committee has updated the application packet and is encouraging seniors to apply. May 20 is Senior Recognition Sunday. Past winners will be recognized as well.
- Stephen's Ministry is going well and growing.

Dave DeMaster gave the Outreach Ministries report including the following. A full report is available.

- 48 people are signed up to do ASP this summer to Carter County, Tenn.
- Pam Willard held the first MERCI meeting for the year on March 15. Plan in process for a workday in Goldsboro. Pat Whitt will lead a work team to D'Iberville, Miss. in September.
- Race for Grace fundraiser will be April 29th at 4:00.
- A White Plains International work team to the Dominican Republic is being formed in conjunction with Apex Methodist to include dental and medical assistance in June.
- White Plains will host WIHN the second week in April. Plans are being made to add a shower and washer and dryer for our guests.
- Kristine Barnes discussed the 2007 International Work Team to Peru leaving in June. Many projects are planned. Hope for 6 people to go. A full report is available.

Barbara Parker gave the Witness Report including the following.

- The Radical Hospitality is underway including contacting 750 neighbor homes, and training members for hospitality from the minute visitors get here until they leave.
- Requested that members park in satellite lots, particularly on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to make room for visitors in the Church lot.
- There was a church clean-up day on March 17th.
- Hope to improve church signage.
- Hoping for a Church Information Booth.

Barbara Parker reported the following for Ken Sexton, Pastor of Visitation:

- There is a need for members to visit the homebound so they do not lose their connection with the church family.
- Plans for a computer program to track the homebound and their special needs.

Standing Committee Reports

Jim Middleton gave the Finance Committee Report including the following. A full report is available.

- Jim praised God that to date, the church is ahead of target for the year.
- Debt retirement giving is not on target, but since amortized amount is greater than required, we are meeting the need.
- Pointed out that although on paper, expenses are ahead of budget that is a timing thing, not unusual expenses.

Jim made a motion as follows:

“A motion to approve the expenditure of \$57,106.19 representing the balance of unused contributions as follows:

1. \$15,000.00 to be used as bonuses and related payroll expenses for all church pastors and staff; to be apportioned based on salary as shown on 2006 W-2 statements for each person.
2. \$8,500.00 to be allocated to Outreach committee for mission projects with the recommendation that \$3,250.00 of this amount be given to the medical mission project as requested by the recently formed medical mission team.
3. \$5,000.00 to be given to White Plains Children’s Center.
4. \$7,350.19 to be allocated to Trustee Restricted Contingency Fund.
5. \$17,000.00 to be allocated to Debt Retirement Fund.
6. \$4,250.00 or balance to general contingency fund.

The motion was seconded. There was some discussion. The motion was approved.

Tom Helms gave the Trustees report including the following. A complete report is available.

- Recent actions included plumbing repairs, lighting replacement, table replacement, installing windows and shelving.
- Planning is underway for Annex upgrades.
- Safe Sanctuaries Policy is being drafted.
- Brought back the Food Lion Shuttle Bus run.

Kemp Neill gave the SPRC report including the following. A full report is available.

- 1st quarter actions taken included Submitting Annual Church Profile to the District Superintendent, Recommending Dan Baer as a new candidate for ordained ministry, updating church personnel policies.
- 2nd quarter actions planed include updating staff job descriptions and exploring the addition of a 3rd appointed pastor to WPUMC.

William McMillan gave the Stewardship Committee report including the following.

- Thanked the Council for help with the Commitment Cards and the Follow-ups.
- Asked Committee leaders to give Lorinda a list of their committee members.
- In October, there will be a Thank You and Financial Commitment Sunday with a speaker and luncheon.

John Brettschneider gave the Endowment Committee report including the following. A full report is available.

- The Committee met with the United Methodist Foundation Executive Director and Director of Giving to learn more about how to move forward with the church’s Endowment Fund. A second meeting is planned to get more specific information.
- The committee will meet again in April to plan programs and articles of information for the church.

Susan Gentry reminded everyone to email her their reports before the meeting if possible.

Rev. Broadwell led the council in a final devotion and closing prayer. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gentry