

White Plains United Methodist Church, Inc.
Church Council & Bd. of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2007

The White Plains United Methodist Church Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 20, 2007. Council Chair Bruce Cranfill called the room to order. The meeting opened with a call to praise and prayer by Reverend Ray Broadwell.

OLD BUSINESS

- The March 18, 2007 Council minutes were accepted and approved with the following correction: Change sentence to read "The Endowment Committee Chairman 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."

CHURCH STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries, Laura Minick:

- Everyone is encouraged to attend the Wednesday Night Pops Concert on June 3rd.
- Music ministries is going forward with determining what is needed for organ repairs or replacement.

Director of Children's Ministries, Carol Carawon:

- Carol asked for prayers for the many volunteers who will lead children's Sunday School, VBS and summer church camps.

Director of Youth Ministries, Rob Phillips:

- Noted that today was Senior Recognition Sunday.
- Advised that Alex Schnoor and Rebecca Mills will be Senior High Co-Presidents with Andrew Rhom as Vice President.
- Advised that Casey-Jane Farnham will be the Mid High President and Rebecca Prather will be Vice President
- Recent past events include the Oldies Drive In, Youth Sunday, CORE Training Event
- Upcoming Events include Youth to Emerald Point, Game-On Ministries on Wednesday nights for all, Ladies Days Out, and Youth 2007 Event.
- Thanked church leaders for supporting and loving Rob, his family, and the youth.

Coordinator of Adult, Lay, and Family Ministries, Lorrinda Janik:

- Advised that June 1 began the 5th year in this position and she loves her job.

- Past events included the second movie night and support for the Oldies Drive-in.
- Pictures for the new Church Directory are underway. Directory should be in hand by Labor Day.
- In June, Family Ministries will be part of VBS, including adult VBS.
- Upcoming events include the next movie night, Summer Studies,
- The Fall line-up includes DivorceCare, GriefShare, Jesus in the Gospels, and a Sunday night Bible Study.

Pastor of Visitation, Reverend Ken Sexton:

- There has been great success with the ministry to homebound/special concerns from the church through the participation cards.
- Thanked Barbara Parker for her leadership in the Witness Work area.
- Encouraged the church to continue to expand its witness.

Pastor of Membership Care and Evangelism, Kelly Lynn Logue:

- The 30 week 2006/2007 Christian Believer Class will end this month. It is planned to be offered again in the fall.
- The summer reading list was made available.
- Annual Conference will be held June 13-16 in Greenville.
- The ministry Team has set aside 2 days an end of June for planning and programming. Please give any dates for ministry area plans to the church staff to be put on the calendar.
- Wedding Season is here. Thanks to Denise Ashworth and her committee for their leadership in this ministry. It is particularly important for the non-members.

Senior Pastor, Reverend Ray Broadwell:

- Expressed his gratitude to White Plains for serving this congregation.
- Advised that there would be a farewell reception for Donna Strother on Wednesday.
- Encouraged movie night attendance.
- Advised that there would be a Children's Center Fundraiser with Randall Atchison on July 28th at Peace College
- Thanked church for support during family member loss.

MINISTRY AREA REPORTS

Nurture/ Pat LiVecchi:

- The Higher Education Committee will host a reception for young adult/college/career to welcome them back and re-integrate them back into WP
- The information Technology Committee has started pod casting the services, rss feed of the newsletter, redesign of the Youth web site, reconfiguration of the wireless routers on campus.

- Men's Ministry Men's Retreat will be October 5 through 7 at Camp Oakhill.
- The Scholarship Committee awarded 4 scholarships this year.

Outreach/ Cheryl Phillips reporting for Dave DeMaster:

- There was a Missions yard sale on May 19th.
- ABRO will begin hosting the Belarus children on June 11.
- 48 members will participate in ASP in Carter County, Tennessee from July 22-28.
- International Work Team to Peru will be in Peru from July 23-July 1 building and leading Bible school. A Cinco de Mayo fundraiser was held to help with expenses.
- Outreach Ministries will send 100 Blankets to rural villages in Peru.
- The International Work Team to the Dominican Republic is a medical team who will travel to the Dominican Republic from June 16-23. This will include medical and dental services.
- WP will host the WIHN in August. Plans are being made to add a shower and a washer/dryer to be available to the guests.
- Outreach Ministry Chairmen from 8 area churches are holding brainstorming meetings to see when they can combine efforts to reach out to the community.

Witness/ Barbara Parker:

- More Radical Hospitality progress: There are greeters in the parking lots to meet the visitors and walk them in and help them with directions.
- Long Range Goals include a welcome center and new directional signage.
- There has been much success with the homebound ministry, including one recent profession of faith.
- In the evangelism area, the Wesley Forum was a success, Harvest Crusade is scheduled for Jun 22-24, a leader is needed for "Sharing Jesus Without Fear", and the Bible Club at Briarcliff Elem. had a successful first year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/ Jim Middleton:

- Presented the March/April Financial Report.
- Giving continues strong in the General Fund Contributions, but is still a little behind in the Debt Retirement Contributions.
- The finance committee is planning to report weekly on the needs

Trustees/ Jack Farmer:

- Gave a short history of the actions taken by the Memorial Garden Committee to date.

- Showed renderings and a site plan of the proposed Memorial Garden
- Discussed proposed finances and assumptions made in the development of the proposed financial arrangement
- A motion and supporting information was passed out to the attendees and was made and approved as follows:

“The WP Memorial Garden committee is authorized to proceed with Phase 1 fund raising and follow-on construction and landscaping contracts using their current restricted account. The construction and landscaping costs are allowed to cause the account to become a negative amount, not to exceed -\$120,000. The funds from the post-construction reservation of niches and requests for entry on the memorial plaques will go directly into this account and are expected to bring the account to a positive status in less than ten years. Payment of associated interest charges at a rate of 2% will be debited to this account and credited to the White Plains general operations fund. The construction and landscaping contracts will require approval by the WP Trustees and will be signed by the chair or vice-chair of trustees.”

- A Policies and Procedures document was presented; a motion to approve the document was made and approved.
- Two proposed contracts were presented, and motions to accept were made and approved as follows :
 1. A Contract for Reservation and Perpetual Care with a correction in paragraph 2 to replace “inured” with “inurned” and, in Paragraphs 6 and 7 replace “interred” with “Inurned” and in the sentence beginning with “Whereas, the...” replace the word “sell” with “grant use of”.
 2. A Contract for Inclusion of Name On Memorial Plaque.

SPRC/Kemp Neill

- A motion was made and approved following discussion to appoint Edith Salazar as a part time local pastor to White Plains beginning conference year 2007/2008.
- An offer will be made soon for the Business Administrator position.
- A motion was made and approved following discussion as follows:

“A new part time staff position will be established to coordinate and perform maintenance on church property at an annual salary to be approved by the finance committee and not to exceed \$12,000. The title of the new position will be Maintenance Coordinator.”

Stewardship/ William McMillian

- The committee is in the planning stages of “The Grow One Challenge...Taking the Next Step”.
 1. A celebration Brunch will be held on October 28, 2007.
 2. The next Stewardship meeting will be held on June 3 to finalize overall plans and responsibilities.
 3. Plan to identify and train the Grow One team by mid-September
 4. Planning and prayer dinners will be held in August and September for church leaders.
 5. Detailed cost request will be presented to the Finance Committee and Church Council in July.

Endowment/John Brettschneider

- Endowment booklets are available.
- Will be publicizing endowment opportunity in church media.

New Business:

- Ivan Bowman noted that the distribution issues with the church newsletter are being addressed.

The meeting adjourned.

These minutes represent items that were specifically presented at the meeting. Full reports are available from church office and on the WPUMC website.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gentry,
Church Council Secretary