

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

September 16, 2007

The White Plains United Methodist Church Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2007. The meeting opened with a song and prayer led by Reverend Ray Broadwell.

OLD BUSINESS

- The July 15, 2007 Council minutes were approved.

CHURCH STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries, Laura Minick:

- All ensembles are back to regular schedules
- Chancel choir and New Spirit had retreats in the last week.
- All upcoming music events are available on the church website.
- Two consultants are working on the organ proposals.

Director of Children's Ministries, Carol Carawon:

- Katie Driggs is the new Nursery Care Team Member
- Rosemary Olesky is the New Nursery Care Team Member
- There are Sunday Schools during all 3 Worship Services, including Noah's Park which is a new combined Sunday School/Children's Church for 3 yr through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children.
- Mother's Morning Out continues now with bible study.
- Pageant rehearsal and Bible Club have resumed on Wednesday nights.
- Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study Nursery is available.
- The Fall Festival will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 with games for all ages, a chili cook-off and Trunk or Treat.

Director of Youth Ministries, Rob Phillips:

- Successful Youth and Adult Leader Retreat was held at Camp Rockfish.
- UMYF Kick-off on Rally Day included 100 youth, 14 of which were first time visitors.
- Parents Night was tonight.
- All weekly youth ministries have resumed.
- There are Youth Sunday School classes during all worship services and the 11:00 class is strongest ever.
- 9:45 hour teachers' training was held today.
- In the process of developing goals and principles for the youth Sunday school classes.
- Pumpkins will arrive soon.
- The Youth Fall Retreat will be soon.

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

- Thanked Martha Helms' committee for leading the effort to spruce up the Sunday school classes.
- An Ice Cream Social was held on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Movie Club met on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.
- Beth Laverty's summer study for women has been well attended.
- Wednesday night activities have resumed. All classes are filled but Disciple 1.
- Both Thursday morning studies have resumed.
- Griefshare has begun and will last 10 weeks.
- About 80 women attended the WINGS brunch to hear Terri Buckner speak.
- A men's study and a women's study began today.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Sept. 20 – district event at WPUMC with 30 volunteers so far.
  - Sept. 21 – Senior Recognition Dinner to honor members 55 and older.
  - Sept. 27 – November – Helping with the Committee on Lay Leadership.
  - Oct. 5 – Movie Club watching Brother Sun, Sister Moon.
  - Oct. 5-7 Men's Retreat
  - Oct. 12 – EAGLES Day at the Fair.
  - Oct. 24 – Zigbuos will speak here about their mission work.
  - Oct. 28 – Fall Festival
  - Nov. 9 – Movie Club watching One Night with the King.
  - Nov. 14 – Thanksgiving Feast
  - Nov. 16 – EAGLES to Rudy Theater in Selma for Christmas showcase.

Pastor of Visitation, Reverend Ken Sexton:

- Read a Letter of Resignation and appreciation for 10.5 yrs of support from White Plains.

Pastor of Membership Care and Evangelism, Reverend Kelly Lyn Logue:

- Presented the Membership Audit Update – now have completed the entire alphabet through the first time.
- Current membership is at 3028.
- Thanked the church staff, particularly Amy, for assistance with this task.
- Rev. Logue prayed the names on the list presented tonight.

Senior Pastor, Reverend Ray Broadwell:

- Thanked Kelly Lyn for her work on the membership rolls.
- Pastors will be attending the Duke Convocation October 8 – 10.
- The Children's Center Fish Fry will be held on Nov. 2.
- A Charge Conference will be held at WPUMC jointly with St. Francis on Dec. 3.

## OTHER UPDATES

### Aaron Team/Graham Wilson

- Aaron met on Sept. 13. to discuss the timeline for Aaron Team initiatives over the next 4 to 5 years.
- The first initiative will focus on our church's values and will begin in Jan. 2008.
- The team will hold a mini retreat on Nov. 17 with Cornerstone Consultants to determine the specific details on the Values program and to recruit church membership to assist in the development and implementation.

## MINISTRY AREA REPORTS

### Nurture/ Katherine Sobel for Pat LiVecchi:

- The Hands for God Puppet Ministry performed at Millbrook UMC and at WPUMC Rally Day evening services. They have several upcoming performances.
- There will be an open meeting for prospective puppeteers and their parents on Sept. 20.
- A Puppet Ministry web page is being developed.
- The Higher Education Committee has launched this year's Adopt a College Freshman program. So far 19 freshmen have been adopted. One of the UMYF small groups baked and mailed cookies to all of the freshmen.
- Rob Phillips added that the Young Adult Sunday School started meeting today and there is good interest in this ministry.

### Outreach/ Dave DeMaster:

- In August, WPUMC contributed 55 filled school bags to a Wake county support for families in need. This was part of a program with Western Wake United Methodist Churches.
- During September Sundays, the Outreach Ministry and White Plains youth will collect for the Nothing But Nets mission to prevent death from malaria.
- An ASP Lunch is scheduled for Sept. 23.
- It is Fair Booth time and help is needed. All workers, especially shift managers, are needed.
- Crop Walk will be held on Oct. 7.
- The Zigbuos, Methodist Missionaries in Liberia, will be at WPUMC to speak on Oct. 24.
- Habitat for Humanity will start a new project in March 2008. White Plains hopes to provide crews and partial funding.

### Witness/ Barbara Parker:

- Thanked Sunday School Classes for the great job with the Clean up and Clean out project. Classrooms have been judged and winners will be announced next week.
- Exterior direction and identification signs are installed. Interior signs had to be re-ordered.

- A new Workplace Ministry is starting.
- A Diversity Workshop will be held in Dec.
- Expressed that the Homebound Ministry will miss Reverend Sexton.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance/ Jim Middleton:

- Presented the June, July and August Financial Report.
- Contributions are slightly down as is usual for summer.
- Apportionments have been paid through August.
- There is still a positive cash flow.
- If the level of giving continues as it was in the first part of the year, we will be able to meet budget.
- The Debt Retirement is still a little behind.
- The committee plans to present the 2008 budget in November.

### Trustees/ Jack Farmer for Tom Helms:

- Recent Actions include:
  - New walkways have been installed through the island in the circle.
  - The Safe Sanctuaries policy is on the website and some background checks will begin soon.
  - Parsonage repairs have been made.
  - Handicap Door openers have been installed at CLC and Sanctuary restrooms.
  - Assisted with Sunday School Clean-up efforts
- Planned and ongoing actions include:
  - Exploring organ repair/replacement
  - Considering major cleanup effort at Warren Ave. property
  - Surveying storage areas to find available space
  - Repairing damaged bus and van maintenance
  - Yard work at the Annex
  - Upgrading main campus storm drain pipes
  - Family Restroom on hold pending Code research
  - Plans for the WIHN shower and washer and dryer on hold for this year
  - Repairs to Children's Center play equipment ongoing
  - Expansion of handicapped parking and walkway delineation and working with Town of Cary to get permission to remove islands to add parking spaces.
  - Memorial Garden Report:
    - A memorial garden endowment fund has been established
    - 5 benches have been reserved by donations
    - An architect has been hired to design the landscaping for Ralph Drive and the design is expected to be ready by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

#### SPRC/Kemp Neill

- The financial assistant position is leaving and will be replaced.
- Reverend Sexton's position will be filled.
- October is staff and pastor appreciation month.
- The updated personnel policy is complete.
- The Associate Pastor for Hispanic Ministries position official conference name is "Appointed Pastor" The job description will be changed to reflect the official name.

#### Stewardship/ William McMillan

- The Grow One Challenge...Taking the Next Step time line of events was provided to all present and the following items were particularly noted:
  - August 26 – Dinner was held with Church leaders and the stewardship committee to discuss the Grow One Challenge.
  - October 1 – Letter mailed to members from Pastors and Lay Leader to announce the beginning of the stewardship season and new emphasis.
  - October 8 – Letter of Invitation to Church Council, Stewardship Committee and Grow One Team to attend a prayer dinner on Oct 21.
  - Oct. 1 - Prayer Dinner with Rev. Ned Hill, speaker.
  - October 28 – Consecration Sunday with "Estimate of Giving" cards distributed. Rev. Jerry Smith will deliver the sermon followed by a Celebration Brunch.

#### New Business:

Bob Vernon encouraged attendance at the Raleigh District Fall Lay Speaker Training on October 27, saying that it is great training for any kind of church leadership role.

Reverend Logue reminded that WPUMC will be hosting the Academy for Leadership Excellence which is a district event that is required for clergy.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by Reverend Sexton.

These minutes represent items that were specifically presented at the meeting. An attendance list and full reports are available from church office or on the WPUMC website if provided to the council.

Respectfully submitted,

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