

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

January 20, 2008

The White Plains United Methodist Church Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2008. The meeting opened at 7:30 with prayer led by Reverend Ray Broadwell and a hymn, followed by scripture and devotion on Kingdom Values.

Chairman, Greg Wallace welcomed those present.

OLD BUSINESS

The November 2007 Council minutes were approved.

MINISTRY AREA REPORTS

Outreach/ Dave DeMaster:

- Reported that the White Christmas Program helped 31 families this year with food and gifts. The Food Pantry served an additional 11 families.
- Reported that the Outreach Ministry finalized the Outreach Budget for 2007 and developed a proposed budget for 2008. Sources of Outreach funding included Faith Promise Offerings, Fair Booth Receipts, Contingency money, Missions Yard Sale and "Nothing But Nets" Fund Raiser.
- Provided a list of the Faith Promise Expenditures for 2007 and proposed for 2008.
- Reported that the Outreach Committee plans to submit to the Newsletter, in February, a list and explanation of ministries served. There was a request from the floor to show in Newsletter what the impact of our giving is to the ministries as well as the percentage of available receipts given to each ministry.
- There was a question from the floor concerning whether or not it would be best to focus on a shorter list of ministries and have a greater impact on those. Dave indicated that each ministry proposed is given due consideration by the committee before being included in the Church's Outreach Ministry.

Nurture/ Katherine Wooten Sobel

- Gave testimony about God's answer to prayer about her serving in the Chair position for the Nurture Ministry
- Stated that her Goal for the Committee is to make the Church members more aware of the Church's Outreach ministry in the area of Nurture, to issue an invitation for new participants and to assist the groups to develop informational tools for the church members.
- Asked members of each group under Nurture to think of how each group falls under the Mission of White Plains.
- Reported that the Healthcare Ministry, parish nurse, Pat Schoch, would like to acquire an AED for the Church.
- Reported that the Wings group is sponsoring two events centered on the theme of "Calling", a brunch on Feb 2 and a retreat at Ft. Caswell in April.
- Reported that the UMM is already planning a fall retreat in October.
- Commented that she is planning to learn more about other groups who use our facilities to understand how the Nurture ministries can partner with them.
- Reported plans to develop a White Plains Yellow Pages and Networking Site for church members.

Witness Ministry/Greg Wallace for Stan Belyeu

- Stan Belyeu was not able to attend, but provided a written report.
- Reported that there are leadership positions available in three Witness Ministry areas.
- Reported that the next Wesley Forum will be on April 16.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees/Ivan Bowman for Tom Helms

- Reported that the Trustees are focusing on Work Projects and asking for volunteers to get the projects completed.
- Announced that a new Church van has been purchased.
- Reported that Memorial Garden plans are progressing.

Finance/ Phillip Hayes

- Provided copies of the budget report.
- Reported that Debt Retirement for 2007 income did not equal outgo and that money from the contingency fund was used to make up the difference.
- Reported that Reverend Broadwell will work with the Finance Committee to educate the congregation on the budget needs for all areas.
- Reported that the Church's total debt is \$1.5 million.
- Reported that the committee voted to put excess funds from 2007 into a restricted account and to determine how it will be used.
- Thanked the staff for the "gracious way" they manage the church's budget.

Greg Wallace reminded that debt retirement is our church's mortgage payment.

He also suggested that if anyone had any one time financial needs, to send their request to Phillip for the committee to consider from the restricted funds.

SPRC/Mark Brown:

- Reported that SPRC has determined that updating the charge profile will be its first order of business this year.
- Announced that the Church's Finance Secretary has resigned and Candy is filling in.

A question was asked regarding whether new staff positions originate in the SPRC. The answer was "Yes".

Endowment/ John Brettschneider

- Announced that there has been a new contribution toward the "performing arts for God" account, and that, currently, there is \$52,921.06 in a restricted account.

## CHURCH STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries, Laura Minick:

- Passed out a schedule of recent past and future events scheduled.
- Her plan is for there to be special music events at least once a month.
- Accompanists positions have been filled
- Two organ expansion/refurbishing proposals have been received. The organ committee, including trustees, will meet soon to organize a church wide campaign.
- Construction and renovation of the coral library have begun.

Director of Children's Ministries, Carol Carawon:

- Provided a list of upcoming events
- The Teddy Bear Tea, the Egg-stravaganza, and the Children's Sabbath are the Feb and March events.
- There are over 60 children during the 9:45 Sunday School and more attending worship and the 11:00 Sunday School.
- Asked for volunteers and donations for the Children's programs.

Director of Youth Ministries, Ann Lloyd for Rob Phillips:

- Youth Events past, present and future include the youth Bible Studies, leadership and participation in Confirmation, Raleigh District Missions fair with almost 400 youth, Discovery Weekend, Youth Winter Retreat Ski Weekend, and the 30 Hour Famine.
- Emily and Rob sent thanks for the Council's support.

Adult, Lay and Family Ministries, Greg Wallace for Lorrinda Janik

- Greg reported that Lorrinda had submitted a written report, but was not able to attend the meeting due to sickness.

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

- Reported on the following upcoming events: Discovery Weekend, Lent beginning February 6, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Dinner on Ash Wednesday, Thursday Lunch Lenten Study "Just Eating - Practicing Our Faith at the Table", Church wide Values Event on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, Holy Week beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday Tenabrae Service, and the Wesley Forum on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Kelly Lyn is working with Divinity School Students teaching practicum on worship and serving as a TA.
- Reminds students that when it comes to leading, planning and preparing for worship, the details never end. It is important to remember that the whole reason is to worship God. It is not something that we do, but something that is ongoing that we join in.
- Led a prayer.

Senior Pastor, Reverend Ray Broadwell:

- Thanked God and the church for the financial finish to the year.
- Thanked for help with the Values exercises:
  - "Values" Phase: Feb 10 – Meal and congregation begins discerning church's values through small group meetings.
  - "Beliefs" Phase will begin in the fall.
  - "Missions" Phase will follow.
  - Lastly, we will devise the Church's Shared Vision
- The Church is continuing to work on becoming and remaining a Healthy Congregation.
- The key to success of Health Congregations is the entire church having input, not just committee.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

There was no NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned with prayer and song.

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,

Susan Gentry,  
Church Council Secretary