

Trinity United Methodist Church
Meeting of the Church Council
August 27, 2009

In Attendance: Denny Mangum, Elizabeth Mangum, Bill Harris, Gail Widener, Bob Horton, Wayne Kuhn, Jack Baker, Karen Baker, Edna Sherrow, Nora Doss, Jim Young, LaTrevia Pounds, Linda Carnley, Sandi Sears, Sarah Schultz, Carolyn Villar, Marie Marshall, Kevin Shular, and Sarah Craig as Recording Secretary.

Wayne Kuhn opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Karen moved to accept the minutes. LaTrevia Pounds seconded. Minutes accepted.

Nancy Watson discussed the Council Visioning Retreat and the survey.

- ~ October 9th from 6pm – 9pm, and October 10th, from 9am to 4pm.
- ~ We will use the 5 step process of “Appreciative Inquiry”. The survey will be read to hand out by next Sunday. The survey process begins August 30th, and will be posted on the web page.
- ~ On September 27th we will have a covered dish luncheon with the congregation to discuss the results. These results will be compiled and delivered to Church Council to use during the council retreat.

Nancy shared that Marty Burkland and Margaret Schwartz have done training for hospital visitation. We now have 20 people trained to do visits, in addition to pastoral visits.

Denny Mangum challenged council members to come up with new ministry initiatives. We have the capabilities, let’s plan them out.

Nora Doss shared that the UMW has adopted a room at the Children’s Home in Crestview and are furnishing it.

Karen Baker discussed hospitality. The Hospitality team has been very proactive. They had a well attended advisory meeting on July 22nd to figure out how TUMC can be unprecedented in hospitality. On September 19th, Hospitality training will be held in the MFH, all are invited to attend. The Hospitality staff director from Gulf Breeze UMC will be here to conduct the training. The folks trained will select an area to being in-house training in January.

Edna Sherrow - The Trinity Fall Bowling League begins September 27th.

Bill Harris shared information about the mission trip to Ecuador. Their mission was to put a new roof on the kitchen of a school. The kitchen had concrete tile that was leaking. They were able to get steel cut and wrapped, but not complete the roof, due to a delay on materials arriving.

Pete Bayer – Discussed Trinity’s financial outlook.

- ~ We have a budget through July of \$415,000.
- ~ We have only collected \$395,000.

- ~ We are \$20,000 or 10% below anticipated giving.
- ~ We have begun preliminary work on the 2010 budget.

Jean Rivard discussed the Stewardship campaign this year. It is called "Stewardship Journey".

- ~ We will be offering electronic giving this year.
- ~ The stewardship mail out will be 9-21-09.
- ~ The campaign will run the month of October.
- ~ The final report will be given on the 1st Sunday in November.

Elizabeth Mangum – Trustee Update

- ~ The parsonage is updated and the Pastor and family are moved in. Thank you to the PIT crew and Larry Kline who donated his labor.
- ~ Exterior signage is complete thanks to Jim Young, Linda Carnley and Jean Rivard. We have all new directional signage for less than \$700.00. We are now discussing interior signage.
- ~ Programmable thermostats are installed.
- ~ Motion sensor lights have been installed in hallways and bathrooms.
- ~ We still need a parsonage committee. Please let Elizabeth know if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- ~ Linda Carnley and Sandy Taylor have been working on updating the plaques for memorials. The decision was made not to replace the tree out back – it has already been replaced before. They are discussing the idea of paver memorials.
- ~ Jean Rivard is spearheading storage clean-up in church.
- ~ Thinking about sprucing up classrooms. i.e., built in cabinets, paint.

Brian Pennington – SPPRC report. Attached.

Pastor Bobby shared upcoming calendar dates:

- ~ September 9th – Solomon's porch begins.
 - o During the month of September, we will have a focus on the Children in Crisis Center during Solomon's Porch. The CIC children will be joining us for dinner on September 9th as our guests.
 - o September 16th, Walt Maines from CIC will share the vision and mission of CIC.
 - o September 23rd, Marnie Roake and the Director of CIC will be here for question and answer on how we can plug in and commit tangibly to CIC.
- ~ September 27th – Covered dish luncheon in the MFH. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to give feedback on where we want to go with TUMC and its pillars. Bobby encourages everyone to be in attendance to hear what people are saying.
- ~ October 9th and 10th – Visioning Retreat.
- ~ October 27th – Church Council Meeting. The purpose will be to present proposed officers for 2010, and to present clergy salaries. There will not be a vote at this time. The vote will be at charge conference.
- ~ Charge Conference will be November 10th at 7:00 pm. Destin UMC with Shalimar, MEUMC and First UMC.
 - o There are 3 primary issues to be voted on.
 - Acceptance of the apportionments for 2010.
 - Approval of the list of officers.

- Approval of clergy salaries.

Jack Baker discussed the Sanctuary Renovation Committee – Report Attached

- ~ An analysis of surveys received shows strong support for an interior renovation.
- ~ Exterior renovation did not get a lot of support at this time. Mainly due to the cost and the current economy.
- ~ We developed a priority list – we decided to complete the first 3.
 - Chance Redesign
 - Sanctuary Renovations
 - Lighting and Audio Visual Improvements
 - ADA Compliant Porte Cochere
 - New Gathering Hall, Parlor and enlarged Narthex
 - Construct left hand turn lane from Racetrack Road.
- ~ The timeframe suggested is February/March 2010 so as not to conflict with the Stewardship campaign.
- ~ Jack asked for permission of council to proceed on research for construction of a left hand turn lane from Racetrack Road. Jean Rivard said this had been looked into in the past – and we don't qualify due to our proximity to the road. But she believes a waiver could be reached.
- ~ Jack asked committee to consider:
 1. A campaign fund with a target goal of \$205,000.
 2. To begin funding the campaign in February 2010 and continue through the end of May 2010.
 3. That the church publicizes the existence of an active financial account "Future Church Modifications" so that members may contribute to that account if they desire. (Elizabeth Mangum stated that this account is already established – 8027)
- ~ The committee is not asking for Finance money now.

Denny Mangum said that we would ask the Finance Committee to explore fund raising / capital campaign options.

Jean Rivard expressed the concern that we cannot rely on pledges – people have the best intentions. But we have to discount pledges. Jack agreed – probably by 30%.

Jean asked if we can do 1 priority at a time, or do we have to lump all 3 priorities together. Jack responded that it is not necessary to lump them all together, but if we are working in one area, it would be best to do it all at once. Jack said he felt that \$205,000 was an achievable number.

Jack asked the Church Council to accept the recommendation of the Renovation Committee on page 3 of the Recommendations to Church Council, Section III, Priorities 1, 2 and 3.

Elizabeth made a motion to accept the recommendation, LaTrevia Pounds seconded the motion, all in attendance voted in favor, except Pete Bayer – opposed. The vote was made to proceed.

Bill Harris asked if we were locking in what we are going to do in the Chancel Area. He is concerned about losing seating. Jack responded that the details are still to be resolved.

Kevin Shular suggested it is time to update the congregation on progress.

Bobby Ellisor stated that he believes this is absolutely “doable” for the congregation. The most important part of this process was hearing the congregation. We have an opportunity to do something very significant. It also happens to be occurring on our 50th Anniversary.

Pastor Bobby closed us in prayer at 7:51 pm.

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