

Trinity United Methodist Church
Called Meeting of the Church Council
October 29, 2009

In Attendance: Denny Mangum- Chairman, Bobby Ellisor, Nancy Watson, Pete Bayer, Elizabeth Mangum, Bill Harris, Bob Horton, Wayne Kuhn, Karen Baker, Edna Sherrow, Nora Doss, Jim Young, LaTreva Pounds, Matt Hull, Sarah Schultz, Sandi Sears, Laura Pennington, Brian Pennington, Jean Rivard, and Sarah Craig as Recording Secretary.

Elizabeth Mangum opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Pete Bayer moved to accept the minutes. Karen Baker seconded. All in favor. Motion to accept the minutes carried.

Denny Mangum opened the floor for old business.

Nora Doss shared that the furniture has been delivered to the Children's Home. The only thing left to do is finish the curtains.

Pastor Bobby stated that this evenings meeting would be to review the Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership's nominations for 2010 officers and committee leaders. These nominations must be approved by Church Council be Charge Conference on November 10, 2009.

Pastor Bobby offered appreciation for the following officers rotating out of position this year.

- ~ Denny Mangum, Council Chair
- ~ Pete Bayer, Finance Chair
- ~ Elizabeth Mangum, Trustees Chair
- ~ Brian Pennington, SPRC Chair

Pastor Bobby reviewed the names presented to Council on behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership. (attached)

The Board of Trustees will elect their own Chair.

We are still seeking Finance and Stewardship Chairpersons.

Karen Baker asked Bobby Ellisor to address Hospitality/Evangelism. Bobby replied that evangelism and Trinity United Methodist Church, for the most part, has been visitation. In the future, we would like to umbrella evangelism under hospitality.

Denny Mangum asked if there was a motion to accept the officers for 2010 as presented by the Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership.

- Pete Bayer made a motion to accept.
- Bill Harris seconded the motion.
- All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor Bobby presented the Lay Speakers for Renewal for 2010. The names presented were:

Pat Cross
Bill Cross
Karen Baker
Wayne Kuhn
Brian Pennington.

Edna Sherrow made a motion to accept.
Bob Horton seconded the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Pastor Bobby read the names of members and family lost this year in honor of the upcoming All Saints Sunday. Nancy Watson offered a prayer for the departed.

Clergy Salaries

Brian Pennington shared that the SPRC met twice to discuss salaries and a recommendation has been made to the Finance Committee.

Brian recommended that Council accept this package. If the Pastors' choose not to accept their package offer, they will let us know.

Jean Rivard suggested that we approve the Associate Pastor's package tonight. Use the 2009 Salary for the Pastor, with the stipulation that Finance will review final budget numbers and adjustments can be made at the time if necessary.

- Jean made a motion for the above.
- Brian Pennington accepted.
- All in favor. Motion accepted.

2010 Connectional Giving

Denny Mangum asked that this year council come up with a number we truly believe we can contribute, before council signs off on it.

The suggestion was made that the Finance committee determine was a realistic expectation for next year would be.

In the past, a commitment form was signed. This year, we need to make a statement of intent.

We could reduce our apportionment by beginning a building program.

Bobby Ellisor shared that this past year we committed 38%, and any additional funds that were received above projections.

Nora Doss asked if we could print out a sample budget. People have a right to know where there money is going.

Nancy Watson, Denny Mangum and Bobby Ellisor responded that it was placed in the Narthex for the month of January 2009 and we will do the same this year.

Denny asked for a motion to tithe 1/10 of the general operating budget to apportionments.

Nancy Watson stated that we need to be a people of faith. We need to remember God in this conversation? God has continued to bless this congregation, and will continue to do so if we keep him involved.

Bobby suggested that the motion made would be that

“Trinity will strive to tithe a minimum of 1/10 of our budget to connectional giving”

- Nora Doss made the motion
- Karen Baker seconded.
- All in favor. Motion accepted.

Other Ministry Updates:

Bill Harris is trying to start the English classes again this coming Tuesday – November 3.

The soup kitchen is averaging over 100 people per day.

Bobby has declined his salary increase for 2010. He encouraged council to please be faithful to the rest of the staff.

Pastor Bobby closed the meeting in prayer at 7:40 pm.