

Church Council Highlights, June 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by **Church Council Chair, Katy Hoyns**. The devotion was Galations 5:22-26. She gave a prayer of thankfulness for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and a request for his guidance and help to us in trying to live in the Fruit of the Spirit.

The May 25 minutes were approved.

Katy provided a copy of "Suggestions for Successful Council Meetings", which emphasized the need to focus on what is being planned for the future rather than spending most of the time on past events.

Suggestions for our Council include the following:

- Set definite time frame for meetings. (4th Tuesday each month, 7:00-8:00 pm)
- Each Chair should submit a brief summary of their recent activities and email to the recording secretary one week before the scheduled Council meeting. The secretary will combine these summaries and bring copies to the next Council meeting.
- The Council will hear any proposal and/or presentation that may need Council discussion and/or approval.
- The meeting will then discuss the planning we need to do to fulfill the mission statement.

Church Council Guidelines:

Unless the Church Council stays focused on the future, you will continue to do only what you have done in the past. As the world changes, the church must seek new, appropriate ways to fulfill our mission faithfully. It is crucial to give adequate time in every meeting to attend to dreaming about the future as well as to the ongoing work of ministry, money and maintenance.

We will continue to discuss this in the future.

Associate Pastor, Rev. Jane Pearce, presented information on the creation of an Advent Devotional Booklet, similar to the format of the *Upper Room*. Daily articles would be written by our church members, beginning with the Sunday following Thanksgiving through Christmas. Members are being asked to commit to providing an article by October 1.

Additional adult volunteers are needed to help supervise in the children's group ministries. Eight to twelve people are needed.

Deb Hahn, Peach Festival Chair, indicated that peaches are ordered and delivery pick-up is scheduled. Many volunteers are needed as well as other items. Look to the *Messenger* to see how you can help. Date and time will be Friday, July 30, 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

Treasurer, Al Hoyns, provided copies of the May and five month income and expense statements and balance sheet. The May, 2010 Monthly Stewardship Report includes the following:

Annual Budget Forecast:	\$571,400
Estimated Monthly Income Needed:	\$47,617
Estimated YTD Needs:	\$237,585
Actual Income YTD:	\$221,524
Actual Expenses YTD:	\$225,821
Surplus (deficit)	(\$4,297)
Deficit from Estimated YTD Needs:	(\$16,061)

Trustee Chair, Harriet Henderson, gave a follow-up to Pete Peterson's report in May. The windows have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. The doors have not been ordered due to the price being over the budgeted amount. We will keep a progress report and possibly ask for donations to complete this work.

Worship Chair, June Hard, spoke about the need for more greeters at our worship services. She will follow-up with communicating the need to others.

UMW Chair President, Betty Moss McGuirt, expressed appreciation for the 61 homeless shelter personal care kits that were donated and taken to the Annual Conference in Florence. The UMW prepared and donated the Vacation Bible School Snacks. The group will meet again in September at 6:30 pm with a covered dish dinner. Jean Clemmons will be the speaker: Giving Hope to Orphans in Africa (Zoe Ministry). The Brookgreen Charge UMW will be our special guests.

Audio/Visual Chair, Joe Goldy, has ordered four hearing assist devices for Berly Hall. The UMM and the UMW are covering the cost of this equipment, which will give us five devices specifically for that room. Two additional units (different frequency) are needed and will be ordered for the sanctuary.

Future Planning Chair, Jim Panos, stated that the *Funtastics* activity included 41 people for the boat trip on the Waccamaw and Pee Dee rivers. See June Hard for tickets for the July 15 baseball game.

Missions Committee Co-Chair, Sue Panos, spoke about the Lawrences. Bob is accepted in the out-patient rehab program and is making good progress. They expect to be there another month. Anne continues to handle the Missions work, and everything is up to date.

Rev. Jane Pearce adjourned the meeting with prayer.