

Church Council Highlights, October, 2010

Church Council Chair, Katy Hoyns, called the meeting to order. The scripture was from I Thessalonians 5:8-22, and was advice Paul gave to a fairly new church, teaching people to encourage, respect, encourage, live in peace, be patient, be kind, joyful and thankful, avoiding every kind of evil. She gave a prayer of encouragement and thankfulness for the many blessings.

The September minutes were approved.

Senior Pastor, Nels Ledwell, shared that he has received comments from church members regarding the need to update our church directory. After looking at several options, he felt that the best way would be to have a company handle an update. Olin Mills was chosen because it is the most appropriate for our church. They will contact members for date, time and reminders for scheduling. They have pledged not to participate in any “high pressure” sales tactics. There would be no cost to the church for their services. One free picture would be provided along with a free directory for each family photographed, and a 20% overprint to the church if we take over 100 pictures. The motion was approved and a Directory Committee of **Ed and Deesha Davis, Lyn Peterson** and **Otto Freier** was elected by acclamation. **Nels** said he is looking forward to the Stewardship Campaign, and commended **Susan Wadley**, her speakers, article writers and committee members who have done a wonderful job preparing for this event. We were reminded of the Charge Conference on November 14 at 2:00 pm.

Associate Pastor, Rev. Jane Pearce, reported on the completion of the pumpkin sales, and thanked **Pat Armstrong** for her leadership. Our “Pumpkin Fall Festival” was a great outreach to the community. Sunday, November 21, will be a “Thanks-Christmas event. We’ll be decorating the church for Christmas and participate in a “Thanksgiving” meal. The first Sunday of Advent will be the 28th of November. On Saturday, December 4, we’ll have a bus trip to Charleston. We’ll have a children’s service at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Bob Baxter, reminded everyone that the Chancel Choir will have our special music on December 5, during the 8:45 and 11:00 am services.

Missions Co-Chair, Anne Lawrence, provided a Committee meeting report, including details about the planned disbursement of money to local missions, including the Peach Festival profits and gifts. The Angel Tree will go up on November 21 and will include 100 children, ages 12 and under. People may be needed to help shop. **Nels** added to the report that two gifts were given this past month: a \$1000 memorial given to Outreach Farms in memory of Joe Vacci, and \$1000 was given to ask St. Paul’s to be a sponsor for the 5-K Race for Outreach Farms.

Education Co-Chairs, Ed and Deesha Davis, reported on contributions for the Advent booklet. There will be an additional 12 large print copies available when completed. Sunday school classes and Bible Studies need to let them know what is taking place in their various groups. There will be a new surprise for Christmas named “Gifts That Won’t Break.”

Audio/Visual Chair, Joe Goldy, reported on an additional contribution to the designated fund for monitors or projection screens in the sanctuary. He presented an amendment to his previous September motion, which included the three additional bids. Discussion followed with **Pete Peterson** stating that the trustees should be involved in this process due to structural issues. A motion was made to table the current amendment and it was approved. A motion was made and approved that the Audio/Visual Committee and Trustees meet to discuss how to accomplish an installation. It was requested that the Council receive an update next month.

Church Council Chair, Katy Hoyns, suggested not having a December meeting. We will have our next meeting on November 23 and it will conclude our meetings for the year.

Higher Education/Ministries Chair, Carolyn Mc Gill, informed us that our college students received a card and Halloween candy. Several groups and our pastors will email encouragement to these students. The concern and financial assistance is appreciated.

Finance Chair, Wade Rinehart, stated we have concluded our negotiations with Plantation Federal, reducing our mortgage interest rate from 6% to 5.3%.

Treasurer, Al Hoyns, provided everyone with an income and expense statement for September and a balance sheet as of September 30, 2010.

UMW President, Betty Moss McGuirt, sent a reminder that their next meeting will be on “Native-American Awareness”, November 9, 3:00 pm.

Rev. Nels Ledwell adjourned the meeting with prayer.