

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BREVARD
Administrative Board Meeting
May 21, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Charles Gilmore, chairman.

Scripture and Prayer: Pastor Kerry Purselle opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Some minor amendments of name spellings were made. The minutes were approved as amended.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance – The report was presented by Fran Waser in chair Peter Johnson’s absence. Peter prepared a summary of the operating account through April 30, 2009. A copy is attached. We are about \$8,000 under our budgeted receipts at this point in our year, but we are also about \$14,000 under our budgeted spending for a net surplus of \$6,000.

FUMC Foundation – Fran Waser, chair, prepared a summary of the grant status to date; a copy is attached. About \$14,000 in grants were approved in 2009. To date about \$10,500 has been paid out. There are still about \$10,000 in approved grants from 2008 that have been granted extensions and will be paid out in 2009.

Trustees – Chair Gene Stewart presented the report for the Board of Trustees; a copy is attached.

Administrative Board member Bruce Loveland asked Gene about pavement work that is proceeding on Methodist Drive. Gene responded that the owner of College Plaza, the adjacent shopping center, is repairing some pavement deterioration there while doing the same on his parking lot. The repairs are proceeding at no cost to the church. Bruce then inquired as to the location of the property line for Methodist Drive. Gene responded that he would have to research that information.

Acoustics/Sound Committee – This committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. Gene Stewart also chairs this committee. The report given by Gene is attached. In addition to the submitted written report Gene reported that to date private donors have covered the initial study expenses. There are also monies in the church’s dedicated funds that have donated for equipment purchase and installation.

Council on Ministries – Chair Mary Arnaudin reported that:
The Council met in February and March. We have strong leadership in all work areas. Work areas are continuing to find ways and means for incorporating intergenerational activities into the church life. The council is still working on a vision statement. Progress is being made but great effort is going into making it a short, focused and meaningful statement.

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Long Range Planning Committee – This is a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. Chair Don Campbell reported \$25,000 was allocated to hire Harris Architects to evaluate our current building; looking at immediate and long-term needs for use, safety and code concerns, accessibility, and traffic flow problems (for congregants on the inside, and vehicular traffic outside of the building). Harris developed a concept plan that was presented to the long-range planning committee. After some revisions to the concept it was again presented to long-range planning.

They then suggested meeting with all work area committee chairs, staff and other church leadership to take comments, suggestions and concerns. A third revision, incorporating this information, was made.

The plan is now being put into a form that can be presented to the congregation at large so that input may be received. A series of at least three congregational meetings and placement of the plan on the church web site are envisioned. The goal is for a completely open process where all interested parties can have input.

Lay Leader – Dee Campbell reported that from January to April she has mailed 67 cards to people as expressions of the church's concern for illness, to offer thanks and or congratulations, etc. She asked to be informed of anyone that would benefit from receiving a card.

Stephen Ministry – Bob Hayward reported that a Stephen Ministry class will convene starting August 20. He asked to be notified if any of us or anyone we know would like to be involved.

Staff Reports:

Weekday Children's Program – Mieke Benepe, director, reported that the playground sandbox has had its sand replaced thanks to volunteers from the church and some parents. New mulch has been ordered for placement under the small climber. Dan Harris and Bob Dye will help in placing mulch on the rest of the playground.

Mieke reported that she is seeing registration being impacted by the poor economy. Many families will have to make difficult decisions about childcare.

Operations – Don Myracle, manager, reported that we have a new recycling center at the outside kitchen entrance thanks to an Eagle Scout project by James McLeod. We now have a place to collect and store recyclable office paper and cardboard. A church volunteer collects all of our recycling each week. The City does not pick up recyclables. Don asked that we encourage all work areas to recycle. We are currently working to distribute appropriate bins in strategic locations around the building.

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In addition to the above, the Week Day Children's Program has initiated a composting project. There is a receptacle in the kitchen for non-cooked, non-meat waste products. The composter is located out near our playground.

Director of Music – Tim Shepard is very enthusiastic about the church's musical direction. Several new initiatives are in progress and our choirs have been reaching out into the community in various ways.

Youth Minister – Jamie Gilmore reported that on Sunday, May 31 six youth were confirmed. On Sunday, June 7 we honored our college and high school graduates for 2009. Our youth are continuing to volunteer monthly at the Bread of Life soup kitchen and during the week of July 3-11 twenty of our youth and adult leaders will be engaged in a mission trip to inner city Washington, DC.

Christian Education – Kim Dodson – in Kim's absence Charles Gilmore read the report she submitted; it is attached

Assistant Minister – Rev. Kerry Purselle thanked the church for all of the ministries in which we are engaged. She announced an emergency call for volunteers for a summer mission team to travel to Mexico in July to help complete final renovations to the orphanage. Help is also needed in assisting children to pack for the move. The emergency has arisen due to teams that have cancelled as a result of the HINI virus. Contact Dawn Johnson if interested.

She also announced that there will be a community Taize service in our sanctuary next Friday. May is our month for collecting cleaning products for the Sharing House pantry.

Senior Minister – Rev. Mike Jordan was absent due to a scheduled surgery. Rev. Purselle delivered notes given to her by Mike. They included:

- A call to help put a metal roof on a cabin at camp Tekoa. Please speak with Mike if you can help.
- Thanks to the Wednesday night supper crew.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in making Holy Week so special.
- An announcement that professor Mickey Eford is coming on June 28 – 30 to lead a four part series on the Book of Revelation.
- Thanks to the Administrative Board for all its members do to support our church.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Gilmore