

Administrative Board  
May 8, 2008  
Brevard FUMC

The meeting was called to order by Charles Gilmore at 7:00 P.M. There were about 47 people present.

He stated that the sanctuary acoustical topic had been dropped as there was too much to deal with, i.e. planning to have information meeting this month or next to air the information out on the floor. He asked that committee reports be held to a minimum and to save what could be saved until next meeting because of the long range facilities planning committee discussion is expected to be lengthy.

Rev. Kerry Purselle led us in a devotional and prayer. She invited us to do a liturgical chant with her that will be done in the service later this month. She gave everyone handouts of her report on the Vision Retreat. See report attached. There is still work to be done on our vision statement. We need a relational covenant. People were asked to send any ideas to her and she will put them together. Carole Dodson suggested that the examples be put on the website for everyone interested to view.

Charles Gilmore asked for any additions or corrections of last meeting's minutes (copy attached). There were none and the minutes were accepted as written.

Peter Johnson gave the Finance Committee report (see attached). We have spent less than budgeted and our pledges are behind so far this year. It is difficult at this time of year to really assess whether we are really in difficulty. There was no question of the committee.

Gene Stewart gave the Trustee Committee report (see attached). There were no questions.

Staff Parish committee chairman, Becky Alderman, said that they are grappling with the Flowers leaving. They have a search committee to find a replacement and have a lot of good applicants. They have narrowed it down to about 10 applicants and, in a couple of weeks, will open a review to the congregation so that anyone who is interested can listen to tapes.

Dee Campbell, Lay Leader, has sent out about 48 cards to people with an illness, anniversary, birthday, etc. Please keep her informed of anyone that she should know about.

Fran Waser gave the Foundation Committee report:

The Foundation, for the fifth year, will be funding grants to various Ministry/Work groups within the church as well as several community 501C-3 Ministry Organizations in Transylvania.

FUMC	16,695.00
FUMC Outreach/Missions	7,400.00
Peggy Lee Hina Christian Educators Fund	925.00
Furr Philmont Fund	<u>800.00</u>
	25,820.00

Applications will be available by August 1, 2008 (or before). All must be returned by October 31.

Between Nov. 1st – Nov 31st The Work/Ministry Groups are requested to meet to give truly conscientious consideration of the applications as to whether the grants fulfill the purpose of FUMC and make their recommendations to The Foundation by Nov. 1, 2008.

The Foundation has been blessed year to date through receiving seventy two contributions for memorials and undesignated gifts.

The 2007 Year End net assets for the Endowment Fund were approximately \$600,000. To fund the amount of the requests this year the endowment Fund would have needed over \$2,280,000. Under the "You Can Help" section of the brochure you will see different methods of helping the Endowment Fund grow. The Board welcomes all gifts and is most blessed by the support received, even more it is most grateful for the opportunity to serve our Lord, our church, and community. They would be very thankful for any contributions that anyone would like to make. Cheri Tinsley said that we were very thankful to those that had the foresight to proceed with the foundation.

Don Campbell gave the report on the Long Range Planning Committee. He listed the members of the committee – they have a good cross section of people in the congregation. He passed out a handout (copy attached). He said it is only a benchmark; prices are changing before the ink dries. Volney Tinsley and Judy Owensby were thanked for doing the research and preparing the handout information planning on five years.

We have three things to take into consideration:

1. Business as usual for 60 months
2. What identifiable problems we need to address in five years.
3. What other items do we think we know about but need to get other recommendations from the congregation.

Items 4-12 they are aware of and are included in the budget

Second handout: This takes all subjects and gives a brief description. If a fire starts we have no alarm system. We need a "direct to fire department" alarm system. We took the speaker system out of our 5 year plan because Erwin Hittel is working on the speaker system.

We have to have professional help. Jim Alderman recommended Doug and Ellen Harris, of Harris Architects, who have experience in churches. They accepted and they made the next meeting, talked with them and said they would be happy to send out their proposal (3<sup>rd</sup> handout). They broke the project into 3 categories. They will use the existing documents and will put everything into a CAD format for the computer. This will save us money in redoing our setup. We can cut and paste as we do the work. He stated that the church is like a 50 year old suit- no matter how we repair it, it will still be a 50 year old suit. They will analyze and program our direction based on their findings, i.e. handicap facilities possibilities.

Third phase will be interviewing all people that play a roll in our church to identify all members needs and put them into a comprehensive plan, then using this CAD, find what we would like versus what we can afford. Decisions will be on the input received from the entire church population. We want to do the best we can with the least amount of money. Harris Architects was unanimously accepted. The Financial Committee has found the money to hire Harris Architects to do the three phases. Ellen will help us as a church to go through the

process of interviewing members, etc. but we as a church have to actually do it. This is the first time that the LRPC feels comfortable moving ahead. They will meet with them next week. And at that time will enter into a contract and at that time find where they stand and plan to have a CAD 3D program to show us what can be done and the flexibility we have.

Carol Dodson asked for a time frame. Don said that Harris Architects doesn't have a church program running now and believes they will have a progress report next month. He estimated that phase 1 will take about 3 to 4 months depending on resources. He feels comfortable in saying that by the end of this year we should be well into the interviewing process with advance time to think about it and asked that everyone not limit their needs or thoughts by what we don't think we can afford. We will be starting with baby steps and wants us to start thinking. They want as much input as they can get. The question was asked "will this input be prioritized?" His theory is that we need handicap facilities as first priority. A lot of little things have to have input and price tags. Our church has always been a very giving church for special projects. Feels that everyone will be more comfortable knowing what our needs and plans are.

Charles Gilmore said that his family was new to the church (being here about 5 years) and has found our church to be an active and caring church. He said that our church has the most cars around it every day of the week, of any church in the area. He feels that this is the reason we are the church we are today. It was mentioned that the square foot area of our building that was a usable heated facility of 30-32,000 sq ft. This is equal to 16 average sized houses, to put the project into prospective. Replacement value would probably be about \$10 million. He felt that the long range plan is exciting and thanked Don and his committee.

Rev Mike Jordan closed the meeting in prayer at 7:55 pm.