

Administrative Board
January 28, 2008
Brevard FUMC

The meeting was opened with a call to prayer offered by Charles Gilmore, Chairperson. Charles led us in a scripture reflection of Romans 12:9ff.

Bob Hayward donned his 'webmaster' hat to update the group on the status of our new website. While the old website has continued to be the official website, Bob has been working for several months to prepare for the transfer to our new Web Empowered Church website. The transfer will take place on Friday, February 1, 2008. Bob asks all leaders to submit to him favorite or particularly meaningful scripture passages so that they can be incorporated into the new website. Because the website will always be a work in progress, Bob requests that he be continually informed about news and events so that our website will be a vital and increasingly viable ministry of FUMC. The preferable format for receiving information is by email:

webmaster@brevardfumc.org
<http://www.brevardfumc.org>

The minutes of our last meeting were approved without additions or corrections. The roster of church leaders for 2008 was distributed. Additional and continually updated copies are available in the church office.

Peter Johnson, Finance Chairperson, submitted the proposed 2008 budget for approval. The total projected budget submitted was \$686,900, an increase of 6.5% over the 2007 budget. Projections following the fall stewardship campaign support the proposed increase and the 2008 budget was approved by the Administrative Board. Copies of the complete 2008 budget are available in the church office.

Gene Stewart represented the Trustees and announced that pending approval by the Board of Trustees on February 12th, he would be the chairperson for 2008.

Becky Alderman, Staff Parish Chairperson, announced that because Clinton Flowers has announced his retirement in 2008, the committee will meet Monday, February 4th, to appoint a search committee to seek a new Director/Minister of Music. Clinton Flowers thanked the Board for the support they have received and for the opportunity to serve at FUMC for the past eight years.

Mary Arnaudin, Chairperson of Council on Ministries, announced the first meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Mary offered thanksgiving for the leadership training event on January 27, 2008, and will keep the Board informed as the Council sets goals for 2008.

Dee Campbell, our new Lay Leader, will be asking people to offer the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the 10:55 worship service. She offered her openness to ideas and suggestions from the Board.

It was announced that the FUMC Foundation has awarded almost \$24,000 in grants for 2008. The full list of grants has not get been published.

Don Myracle, Operations Manager, reassured us that all lights, air conditioner, computers, etc. are currently running, but that is always a tentative state. Sharyn Fogel has agreed to paint a mural on the large smooth wall above the oven/stove units in the newly renovated kitchen. Please submit all information for the Welcome Center screen to: dmyracle@brevardfumc.org

Kim Dodson, Minister of Christian Education, updated the Board on the winter basketball league and outlined goals of the Children's Council:

- 1) complete Safe Sanctuaries policy
- 2) 2008 Summer VBS will be a daytime event August 4–8
- 3) "A Walk Through Holy Week" (Covenant Class?) will be the Easter SS for children
- 4) The Early Christian Meal, a worship experience on Good Friday is being planned. Sixty people are needed to help in various ways.

Jamie Gilmore, Director of Youth and College Ministries, reports that the youth and volunteer base are growing, though leadership for junior high boys is a great need. Cathy Dorner and Jamie attended a youth leadership conference in Atlanta November 2007. The youth will return to John's Island for their mission trip the 2nd week in August 2008. This Wednesday a panel of school teachers will facilitate a gathering for parents of teenagers.

Mike Jordan and Kerry Purselle presented a team report to include updates on:

- 1) New Member Orientation (Sundays at 9:55 during February) They are trying a new focus on what it means to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.
- 2) Ice Days: tune into WLOS or WSQL for closing announcements
- 3) 'Thank you' expressed to many, many people for the Anniversary Celebration (January 6, 2008), Advent/Christmas, Church Picnic and the many ongoing ministries

Mike introduced an important issue we have concerning insurance for our church van. Gil Coan, Jr. (who handles our insurance) explained the situation in depth. The Boy Scouts have been using our van for trips for many years. Recently some scout leaders completed the process for being added to the 'official' driving list for the church van. This triggered a red flag for the insurance company (Guide One) because they do not insure vans that provide transportation for scout activities. If we allow scouts to use our van, we are ineligible for their insurance.

Gil has researched other insurance companies. Countrywide has a policy, but they are relatively new in this area and Gil does not recommend going that direction. Progressive will cover us for \$1,000,000 for \$1500. Our Guide One Policy is approximately \$800, which includes the \$1,000,000 coverage plus another \$1,000,000 umbrella policy.

Options include:

- 1) let the Guide One policy expire (in March) and go to Progressive or
- 2) tell the scouts they cannot use the van.

Other discussion yielded the following information/questions:

BSA does not offer insurance.

There is nothing in our charter about offering transportation.

Are the scouts willing to pay the increase in insurance cost?

Who signs the annual scout charter?

Mini-buses are much less at risk.

The church is unincorporated and Conference Trustees encourage incorporation.

Is there a Scout Committee?/ Scouting Coordinator?

What about preschool? Gil: that's okay.

It was decided that a decision would be tabled pending research into the proper channels for handling scout issues: who is on the committee? Who is the Scout Coordinator? Mark Bailey and Charles Gilmore will take action.

Hal Martin was present and asked the Board to consider allowing the Fellowship Hall to be used for a group to hold an exercise class for people with Parkinson's. Any adult could participate. This request was deferred to the Trustees as an agenda item for their February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Purselle for Connie Dorner, Secretary