

Executive Committee Meeting

October 21, 2008

Attendees: Bob Lytle, Kevern Joyce, Paul Durland, Will Sencabaugh, Harry Schoening, Wendy Reardon, Jim Forbush, Pam Joyce, Debbie Durland, Phil Guymont, Lee Murray

Congregational Meeting: The congregational meeting will be Sunday, October 26th. Pledging, stewardship, Children's Circle Nursery School, house meetings, budget, projects for the year, updates from each committee, and general update will be on the agenda.

Trustees: Phil Guymont presented the budget that would be presented at the congregational meeting. He mentioned that all groups are holding their expenses as low as possible. Going into '09 any capital expense items will come out of the endowment.

He will ask Linda if she sends out year-end reminder notices for pledges. Some pledges always come late -- into the next year, but not all. Through September $\frac{3}{4}$ of pledges have been received. So there is a chance of collecting the full amount.

The \$19,000 shortfall for the Nursery School will come out of investments. For budgeting spending groups kept the same as last year, personnel increase is 3.9%. The projected deficit for the church is \$15,000 which is less than last year. (The Nursery school deficit will be added to that.)

It was asked if we forgive the Nursery school debt and stated that we do not, we keep track of it. It was also asked if this could be a reflection of the congregations.

Elise had planned to attend the meeting to speak about the rummage sale in May.

Note: there were no deacons at the general meeting or at the executive meeting.

Stewardship: Jim Forbush said that pledge cards would be mailed out at the end of next week. November 23rd will be stewardship Sunday. He has made presentations to all boards and he has reserved some time at the house meetings for presentations. He said discussions with commitment to church have been very positive. At the quarterly meeting in the sanctuary his presentation will include 10-12 slides in power point. The slides will include investment fund balances. Kevern will make one for that after tomorrow's meeting.

RE: Wendy will talk about events and the greenhouse, interact with other groups. She would like to avoid using a projector and plans to be informational about the greenhouse. Karen will speak about the nursery school

Deacons will talk about the house meetings. Cecelia thought that more homes were needed.

It was stated that some churches live on the edge. There are 160 pledge families. We have lost at least 60 pledge units. There was discussion about the stewardship committee – of one. It was recommended that we find a bigger group. Jim is getting a lot of benefit, but he is also working hard.

Each Board should give a short report.

It was discussed about having coffee available in the bride's room. Will will invite attendees at the 8 am service to come back. There will also be a baptism on Sunday. It was mentioned that the instructions for making coffee are wrong – and need to be updated.

Harry Schoening said that he was all set.

Outreach: Thanks to the nominating committee they have 2 new members. The name of another youth was suggested. The service project at PACCA went well. Daphne had 11–14 kids participate and they got a lot out of it. Most of the kids had helped last year also. Susan and Larry had their acts together.

Next will be the turkey sales. They are doing well so far. The timing for the holiday events needs to be at least a month ahead of the holiday.

Project Hope – aiming for the same number of families & individuals. The families are from child & family services.

After Christmas there will be a coat and blanket drive.

Ways & Means: Debbie Durland listed the upcoming events that the committee has planned. The Lee's dinner will now take place March 6th at the Grange. Thought a BYOB would help lower ticket price slightly. The policy of the Grange for alcohol is don't ask; don't tell. An Ice Skating event will be held on December 7th from 3-5 on public ice. The Chocolate Cook-off will be in February and at the end of March/beginning of April will be a kite making/kite flying date. The Garden Market will be held in May.

It was stated that there are more and more requests for paper copies of the Spire. The New member packet is put out by the office, but it is Deacon related. A couple of new member classes are coming up soon. Should there be a paper to describe all the boards in the packet? Should we help integrate new members into the life of the church? There is always a stewardship portion in the packet. Each board should have a page in the new member packet and possibly a description on how this church works.

Would like a Hospitality Committee that welcomes new members. Possibly a team that has charge of the membership list. We need ways to make coffee hour more inviting and less “clicky.”

Nominating: There is 1 opening on the trustees; 1 left on outreach

It was stated that Cecilia might be finishing up the history. As soon as it is done it goes into a time capsule.

Church bylaws need a committee; Stewardship could some more members. It was asked why the HR committee the deacons? Would like to see a whole new committee -- 1 from trustees, 1 from deacons and the rest of the from the congregation.

RE: Mission Green - November 1st invited nursery school and Sr. & Jr. Hi fellowship. It will be from 12 until 4. Adults from the nursery school will help set up and clean up. From 5-8 Kids Rock, a local band will be there. A portion of the proceeds will go to the nursery school.

The Standard Times wants to come again.

High School class would like to hold a breakfast once every 3 Sundays before church.. Focus on 1 question each time. There is a lot of interest. The first will be before the end of November. Kids already in church can bring a friend. The Youth group is an interfaith group.

Confirmation classes begin in November with May 17 the confirmation date. There is the potential for 8 kids. This is not a graduation exercise and they should be involved in church, the parents also. Elizabeth kept the confirmands involved and visible.

Will led the group in a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.