

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2008

The meeting of the Church Council was called to order by Council Chairman Marshall Ross at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Thompson opened the meeting with a devotional on the 23rd Psalm from "The Message" and prayed.

The minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Al Mitchell Chairman reported there will be some changes for the counting of the Sunday offering. Ushers will put money in locked bags that are then taken to the bank where teams will meet on Mondays to count the offering. Teams will be appointed to do this only one Monday per month. Al asked that Mark Strickler be a member of the Finance Committee as he now chairs the Endowment Committee. Daryl Cockerham made the motion with Derrick Parson as second. Motion passed. (copy attached)

Larry asked that a group be formed to work to place our special funds in more clear accounts so it will be easier to know how much is in them. Bill Blessing made the motion to do this with Dave Barnes the second. Motion passed.

TRUSTEES: Danny Rohrer reported. (copy attached)

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: Steve Gardner announced our current ministers will be asked to stay.

LAY LEADERSHIP: No report

PROGRAM AREA REPORTS:

NURTURE: David Slykhuis reported there will be various workshops on March 9 & 16 for Lent, beginning at 5:30 with supper. (copy attached) There will also be a Candlelight Cabaret on March 8 for a youth missions fundraiser. Palm Sunday March 16 we will be marching in a body to the Court House. There will be an assembly in Slaven Hall during Sunday School on Easter. Bible School will be July 14 – 18.

WITNESS: Daryl Cockerham reported the Sunday after church welcome center is going well. New brochures are being printed and also new welcome cards for the pews will be ready soon. On April 13, at 5:00 p.m. in Slaven hall, there will be a new member social event and meal for everyone who has joined the church in the last five years. Council members will also be invited.

WORSHIP: Cathy Soenksen had no report.

OUTREACH: Sandra Burkes Chairman had no report.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Doreen DeVore reported. (copy attached)

UNITED METHODIST MEN: No report

SCOUTING: No report

STAFF REPORTS:

JOHN TINDALL: No report

LAURA DOUGLASS: No report

DERRICK PARSON: Reported he loves being here.

LARRY THOMPSON: Larry asked our approval of a 10 week intern program that would assign us a student from Shenandoah University who is interested in the ministries of the church. This was approved with Cathy Soenksen making the motion and Steve Gardner as second. The First Night committee thanked us for the use of our facilities and asked for the use again next year. This was approved. Larry asked that the Easter Sunrise Service be held on the front lawn this year to see how it will go. There will be a breakfast in Slaven Hall after the service to raise money for Voices of Youth. We will also pay the fee for the JMU Arboretum in case we want to go back there another year. Motion was made by Dave Barnes and seconded by Bill Blessing. This was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with Derrick leading in prayer.

ANN KNICELY, SECRETARY

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Tom & Doreen DeVore, Laura Douglass, Ann Knicely, Susan Layman, Dwight Miller, Derrick Parson, Karen Rose, Marshall Ross, Larry Thompson, Dave Barnes, Gary Bennington, Bill Blessing, Daryl Cockerham, Steve Gardner, George Heavener, Ellen McDorman, Al Mitchell, David Peters, Danny Rohrer, Susan Shifflett, Cathy Soenksen, David Slykhuis. Carolyn Bennington and Tom Pack were guests.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REPORT FEBRUARY 25, 2008

UMC Assembly Day in Richmond has 6 to 8 people attending. They rode on the Otterbein bus.

Ella Pascale and Becky Weidig coordinated the Lenten Luncheon on Feb 20 when Larry preached.

Young women are being recruited to attend the District Young Women's Retreat March 14 -15 at Camp Overlook.

UMW Sunday will be March 30 with Denise Honeycutt as the speaker. She is the VA Conference United Church Mission Coordinator.

April 26 at 1 p.m. the UMW will visit the Free Clinic for a tour and talk by the new director.

The 2008 School of Christian Mission will be held on July 25-27 and July 28-31.

DOREEN DEVORE, UMW PRESIDENT

Trustees Report to the Church Council
February 25, 2008

- The trustees have received title to the Denton Remainder Trust properties
- Spring Cleaning Day set for Saturday April 12

As trustees, we are honored and humbled with the confidence you have placed in us to take care of, and plan for, the future of this incredibly beautiful building and facilities that has stood and is standing in testament to God's glory for generations, continually supporting Asbury's program ministries. As we look to the future it is imperative to care for, upgrade and modernize our Asbury facilities in order to support our vision and ministry into the next generation. Therefore I am very happy to formally request the following:

*The Asbury Trustees ask the Council to schedule a called meeting on March 31 in the sanctuary of Asbury UMC for the purpose of receiving a recommendation/s and a plan from the Trustees for addressing the needs of the buildings and grounds of Asbury UMC.

Danny Rohrer