

Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting, Sunday October 3, 2010

Attendees: *Bob Haley, Edgar Torbert, Evelyn Burkett, Billy McDaniel, Kay Entrekin, Jane McCombs, Gail Cook, Sally Lambert, Shirley Pollard, Gail Pansini, Becky Eisman, Debbie May, Susan Wasmer, John Kilpatrick, Tom Moore, Jimmy Moor.*

Bob Haley passed around a sign-in sheet then opened the meeting in prayer. The September minutes were approved with one correction. The group unanimously agreed to a new process for getting the minutes approved and out to the congregation sooner. Starting with the October minutes, Bob will email the draft minutes to everyone on the committee requesting a reply by a specific date. Anyone with a substantive modification to the draft minutes will get their changes back to Bob. Bob will send the modified minutes back to all members for further discussion and final approval. The final approved minutes will be posted online and a message will be included in that week's "e-blast" that they are available on the web site. Evelyn will work with Amy Ownbey to get a copy of the minutes in the library for those without computer access. Jimmy will confirm with Sarah Cann that the office has an official set of all minutes.

Bob then went around the table asking for any actionable items and highlights from each committee represented.

Sally Lambert shared that the Fall Cornucopia of Music concert for UMW missions brought in a little over \$1,000 and thanked Gail Cook for her efforts in coordinating that event. She then reminded everyone of the bake sale scheduled for Sunday, November 21, after church services.

Gail Pansini told the group that the youth are helping decorate the Sanctuary for Advent again this year, on November 21.

Billy McDaniel shared that the Evangelism team will be helping with the Music Under the Stars event on November 6.

Jane McCombs shared that the Pioneers next trip is to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Gail Cook related that the Stephen Ministry is hosting the annual Service of Remembrance on November 7. Anyone in the church who has experienced a death in their family in the past year will receive a written invitation to the service. The service is open to everyone else as well. Billy McDaniel suggested that we put this service on the outdoor sign so the community may also attend.

Becky Eisman shared that she, Amanda and several youth are walking in the JDRF walk and Charlie Marvil is the captain of the youth team. The youth are experimenting with an online payment system for the fall retreat event. The adult council will be increasing in size for larger input and better communication.

Susan Wasmer told the group that the health fair earlier that day was a bust and would be revisited, perhaps combined with another event. She shared the good news that the second AED would be going into the Activities Center this week. That leaves the Wesley Center as the one building on campus without an AED, which costs about \$1,800 and includes the first annual medical management fee. Finally, she related that October 24 would be Worship in Pink Sunday and she needs names for the

wall of memory and wall of honor being created. She has ordered some t-shirts for that day and encourages everyone in the congregation to wear something pink that day.

Kay Entrekin shared the following for missions: ASP leaves on October 14 with ten volunteers including Rev. Moor and that they've raised over \$2,000 for the trip; eleven people are going to Sager Brown; the Wesley Walk is Saturday, October 23; and Trinity Table is Sunday, November 7 with food prep on Saturday, November 6. She told the group that her daughter, Rebecca, will be in the next issue of Tucker's Up Close and Personal with an interview about TIME.

Debbie May related that the music ministry is doing well, with more members joining toward Tom's goal of 60 filling the choir loft for the December 19 concert. October 16 is the big kick-off practice and they'll also practice every Wednesday. The youth choir tours have been set: the seniors are going to Colorado and the Jubilees are going to Nashville. Music Under the Stars is another big event for the music department with the praise band and youth praise band participating. Tom Moore shared his vision of the December 19 concert being more than a chancel choir event but instead being a church-wide event. The music will be varied and the concert will be about one and a half hours long. He asked everyone to be creative in how to get our representative groups involved. Tickets for the event will be given away as a creative way to encourage people who wouldn't normally come to a Christmas service to come to church. Once everyone with a ticket has been seated anyone else who comes in off the street without a ticket will be allowed in. The purpose isn't to exclude anyone without a ticket but to encourage invitation.

Evelyn Burkett shared that the newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 5. She also shared that the Communications team, thanks to Katherine Griffith, had created a brochure for the Evangelism team to give out at the health fair. The brochures can also be given out at Music Under the Stars. The team is looking into the other existing but dated brochures with an eye for updating them in the near future.

Jimmy Moor shared that the community Thanksgiving service will be held November 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Northlake Church of Christ on Coolidge Road and that Rehobeth Presbyterian minister would preach the service. He reminded us that he and Julie would be taking a short vacation next weekend (October 10) since she has Monday off. Larry Bauman, a retired Methodist minister who lives here in Tucker, will preach. He shared that he has been impressed with the variety and diversity of groups in the music ministry here.

Bob wrapped up the meeting by asking the group to be thinking about how we can work together to make a difference together to impact lives. How can we intentionally coordinate our planning efforts? Someone asked if anyone from the Contemporary service was part of the COM and Jimmy shared that the nominating committee had expanding their representation in mind while developing their upcoming leadership nominations list. Amy Ownbey mentioned she had read and recommends the book "Who Stole My Church" which is available in the library. This book talks about the changes in the church, including the rise in Contemporary worship participation.

Jimmy closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Burkett on behalf of Kay Entrekin, Secretary

Attachments: Committee reports provided for the October Council on Ministries Meeting