



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on January 19, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Church Lounge. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer followed by sharing of concerns of members of our church family.

Ministry Team (MT) Reports to Session:

Care Giving Division – Carolyn Turner, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder

Congregational Care Ministry Team: Nancy McManus, Chair

The Congregational Care MT met 1/2/2010. Transportation has been provided for members nine times in the past month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to make shawls for concerned members or friends. Since its beginning over two years ago, 216 shawls have been knitted. Team members visited and delivered cookies to shut-in members in December. The next meeting is 02/09/2010.

Fellowship Relations Committee: Ellie Mercer, Chair

The Fellowship Relations Committee meets monthly or as needed.

Church Family Division – Tammy Nye, Lead Elder; Pat Crawford, Elder

Membership Ministry Team: Ann Hinze, Chair.

The Membership MT met 01/03/2010. Members and especially officers are encouraged to wear their name tags. Everyone is also encouraged to recognize, speak to visitors and members that appear out of place during the coffee hour. Suggestions concerning ways to identify visitors would be helpful. Some suggestions are ribbons, standing up during service, making a better use of registers, etc. We need to make visitors and members more aware of our new boxes. It was brought to the attention of the Membership MT that certain current members are concerned about how unfriendly our congregation can seem to visitors. The date of next meeting is 02/01/2010.

Finance Division – John Hachbold, Lead Elder; Phillip Jerome and Sam McManus, Elders

Finance Ministry Team: John Hachbold, Chair

The Finance MT presented the 2009 ending budget and the proposed 2010 budget for approval on January 12. Approved was the expenditure that conforms to what the congregation wanted to happen with sustainable revenues of \$17,748. Also approved was to fully retire the remaining deficit and to retain a buffer for revenue in 2010. The requested 2010 budget was approved but only to pay based on the allocated budget until extra funds come in. This will explained during a Congregational Meeting in February.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Sam McManus, Chair

The Stewardship MT did not meet in January.

Spiritual Life Division – Larry Goodwin, Lead Elder; Tammy Nye and Gene Baker, Elders

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

The Worship MT met 01/14/2010. There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 pm. Plans are being made for a "Creative Spirit Arts Weekend" on March 13 and 14. The Kirkin' o' the Tartan will take place at both worship services on Sunday, October 10, 2010. Plans are being made for a combination choral program and Moravian Love Feast on Sunday evening, December 19. The date of the next meeting is 02/11/2010.

Dr. Charlie Steele, Minister of Music

Dr. Steele announced that MT chairs or representatives will meet on January 24 at 7:00 pm for Lent-Easter-Pentecost ministry designing. Dr. Steele will be attending parts of the annual Church Music Conference at Furman University. On Thursday, February 25, 7:30 pm the Presbyterian College Concert Choir (Clinton, SC) will be here as part of their 2010 tour. Housing is needed for singers for the evening. If you can host two or more, please contact Dr. Steele. On Saturday, March 20, the church will sponsor the Blue Ridge Children's Choir Festival. Anyone interested in helping serve snacks, lunch, usher at the closing program, etc., please contact Dr. Steele.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Tammy Nye, Acting Chair

The Christian Education MT met on 01/18/2010. Background checks and training will be verified on all new teachers. All Christian Education MT members are encouraged to bring a new potential team member to the next meeting. Gary Greene and Tammy Nye will attend Lent/Easter/Pentecost Planning on Jan. 24. A brochure that lists Growth Groups offered at B-DRPC is being developed by Tammy Nye who will speak to Denise about groups to be included. Session approved that the Midweek Manna Planning Team become Midweek Manna Ministry Team under the Spiritual Life Division with guidance

from Christian Education MT when choosing curriculum for the Bible Study Groups. The date of the next meeting is 02/15/2010

Communications Division – Don Stinchcomb, Lead Elder; Judy Dasta, Elder

Communications Ministry Team: Darlene Drake, Chair

The agenda for the Congregational Meeting was discussed. The content will follow closely the report and recommendation of the Finance MT and the way in which the Session approved the budget, with emphasis on a “challenge” to the congregation to meet the requirements identified by the Ministry Teams as reflected in the proposed budget. Other items included will be to act on the change of call to the Pastor and to elect the full slate of Deacons for a three year term. Julie Singdahlsen will ask Bob to participate, perhaps to add some humor. Don will lead that part of the meeting that is not covered by others. Julie and Judy will cooperate in producing some posters and other visual aids to promote the “Challenge”. Nita Padgett will be asked to attend to lend authority to any numbers used. A “CHALLENGE PROGRAM” was approved by the Session to encourage members of the congregation to make contributions in excess of their pledges, that these contributions be marked CHALLENGE and that they be accounted for in a separate fund, to be used toward the shortfall in the Benevolence and the Ministry Team needs as identified in the Finance MT recommended budget. Distribution of funds received under the CHALLENGE program to be determined by the Finance MT and apportioned as identified in the proposed budget for 2010. The next meeting will be 2/10/2010 at 10:00 am.

Standing Committee of the Session

Nominating Committee: Luck Shepherd and Donna Parker, members-at-large

The Nominating Committee did not meet in January.

Administration Division – Phillip Jerome, Lead Elder; Lew Sayre Elder

Personnel Ministry Team: Tom Crawford and Glenn Cutler, Co-Chairs

Personnel MT will meet as needed.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

The Property MT did not meet this month. A list of needed repairs has been compiled. Several major dollar repairs include replacing the windows in the Preschool, new carpet and the leaking bell tower. The repair of the leak between the Narthex and the Preschool wing is almost complete. When weather permits, the leaking gutters at the Preschool back porch will be repaired. The date of the next meeting is 2/11/2010.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The Committee on Ministry did not meet in January.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

Special Funds Management Committee did not meet in January.

Presbyterian Preschool Division – Sara Winston, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder

Weekday Children’s Ministry Team: Celia Ansley, Chair

Beth McLeod, Preschool Director, reported that the Preschool is up to 80% capacity with several new children enrolling. Scholarships of over \$6000 were very much appreciated from church members and

these helped in retaining children. The teachers received an 09 bonus from the 09 budget surplus and Beth stated how grateful they were to receive this as no pay increases had been granted for 09.

Mission Division – Don Stinchcomb, Lead Elder; Gail Blunt, Elder

Peace and Justice MT: Judith West, Chair

Peace and Justice MT did not meet in January.

Local Outreach MT: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Local Outreach MT did not meet in January.

Worldwide Ministries MT:

Worldwide Ministries MT did not meet in January.

New Business of Session:

The next Session meeting will fall on the same evening as Shrove Tuesday; therefore, Session will meet at 6:30 pm in the Resource Center.

Session Representatives who will attend the January 30 Presbytery Meeting at Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese are Lew Sayre and Larry Goodwin, Elders and Keith Thompson, Pastor. This meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 6.

The Moderator stated that the cost to replace or clean the existing pew cushions is being determined by Brenda Monk, member of Undesignated Memorials. Individual cushions are also being considered. Funding for this project will be from the Undesignated Memorials fund and not from the operating budget.

The Moderator closed the meeting with a circle of prayer.

Ginny Bradford, Elder

THE SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson, Moderator
The Rev. Robert Singdahlsen, Parish Associate

CLASS OF 2010

Larry Goodwin
Phillip Jerome
Don Stinchcomb
Carolyn Turner
Sara Winston

CLASS OF 2011

Ginny Bradford, Clerk of Session
John Hachbold
Freddie Hart
Tammy Nye
Lew Sayre
Jinks Ramsey, Alternate

CLASS OF 2012

Gene Baker
Gail Blunt
Pat Crawford
Judy Dasta
Sam McManus
Dave Betz, Alternate