

The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on March 16, 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 3/9/2010. Easter bags will be delivered to our shut-ins and homebound before Easter Sunday. Contents for the bags are being requested from the congregation. Transportation will be provided for members who want to attend the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon on March 27. A new committee is being established and is led by John and Hilda Folger. The new committee will assist members who are unable to cope with everyday activities. Date of the next meeting is April 13.

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 03/01/2010. Bread Delivery and Baking - Corinne reported that the new bread cart will be in place on March 2nd. Five names were referred to Keith. Gene Baker shared the Moment for History by telling the membership team about the possible site of the old Mamre Church. Date of the next meeting is April 5.

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

Finance Ministry Team: John Hachbold, Chair

The Finance MT met on March 11. The February 2010 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in February of \$46,989.61; b) 2010 Challenge of \$2,160.00 and c) expenses of \$58,419.46 which puts us slightly above budget for the year. Martha Taylor met with the Finance Ministry Team to discuss the possibility of establishing Midweek Manna Ministry (MWM) as a budgeted item in the church budget starting in 2011 with the income to be distributed as determined by the Session. Date of the next meeting is April 8.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Sam McManus, Chair

The Stewardship MT did not meet in March.

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

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

The Worship MT met March 4. The worship services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter were finalized. Hendersonville Carpet Cleaners will clean the pew cushions on site and put them back in the sanctuary on Thursday, March 18, 2010. The funding to have the pew cushions cleaned will come from the Property Ministry Team's Building Maintenance Fund with the cost not to exceed \$500. Date of the next meeting is April 8.

Dr. Charlie Steele, Minister of Music

The Festival of Hymns this past Sunday that included ten speakers was a big success. Maundy Thursday readers are needed. The Seasonal Planning group will meet again Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 pm. A thank you note was received from the Presbyterian College Choir thanking the host families and church for their hospitality on February 25. Saturday, March 20, B-DRPC will host the Blue Ridge Children's Choir Festival. The closing program of the festival is at 2:00 pm and is open to the public. Dr. Steele reported that he had applied and been accepted to perform on the organ series at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. He will perform a 50 minute recital at Bethel United Methodist Church, Charleston, on Wednesday, June 9.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Tammy Nye, Acting Chair

VBS will take place July 12-16 with the theme "Galactic Blast". Monthly activities for young children are being discussed. The new class, Parents and Friends of Young Children, is going well.

Midweek Manna Ministry Team:

Judy Dasta reported that Martha Taylor made a proposal to Finance MT to establish MWM as a budget item in the church budget for 2011. Finance MT will bring this to the April Session meeting. The last six weeks of classes were finalized.

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

Communications Ministry Team: Darlene Drake, Chair

Communications MT met on March 2. Email addresses in the new Pictorial Directory are important. Denise will contact Olin Mills about this. CMT will handle the publicity for the Church Chicken for Charity. Suggests that Challenge 2010 progress be in the bulletin and liturgist announce the first Sunday of the month during each worship service.

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: Lew Sayre, Acting Chair

The Property MT met on March 11. Stucco repair is awaiting contractor scheduling. Repair to water line at the manse is fixed. Heating failure in the Preschool wing has been repaired. The Worship MT has located a firm that will clean the cushions for \$500 and has requested that the Property Ministry Team pay for this cleaning. The Property MT voted to provide these funds, up to \$500 with the understanding that there are some potential major projects that may need to be funded from the Property budget. The Property MT reaffirmed that the priorities for expenditures are:

- Ensuring that the building is safe for those using it.
- Maintaining the structural integrity of the building.
- Correcting any problem that could lead to further damage.
- Over-all appearance of the building and grounds.

Gardner groups will dress up the flower beds prior to the Easter Egg Hunt. Removal of the tree stump will be done when the ground dries out. Wes Brannon will repaint the Men's bathroom in DR Hall. Date of the next meeting is April 4.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The COM met on March 10. Joe Drake was welcomed as a new member to Committee on Ministry. Conversations were held with each minister. Date of the next meeting is June 2.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

The Session accepted the report from the Special Funds Management Committee providing the status of the church's two Endowment Funds as of December 31, 2009.

The Session approved the motion of the Special Funds Management Committee: (a) to declare 2010 Dividends from both the Mission Endowment Fund Income Account and from the General Endowment Fund Income Account in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$18,000 respectively. The Mission Dividend of \$5,000 may be used only for non-budgeted mission purposes (local or other). The General Dividend may be used for any appropriate non-budgeted purpose approved by both the Endowment trustees and by the Session. (b) Applications for uses of either Dividend should be submitted to the Special Funds Management Committee. (c) Any 2010 Dividends declared but not approved by the Session before December 31, 2010, will be returned to the respective Endowment Fund Principal and reinvested.

Background:

The Special Funds Management Committee is charged with the oversight of the two Endowment Funds of the church. Under the approved charter of each of the Endowment Funds, the trustees of the Endowment Funds (the SFMC) is required to report the status of each fund at calendar year end to the session by March 31st of the following year. The report described above complies with that requirement.

The trustees of the Endowment Funds (SFMC) may elect to declare a dividend from time to time from the accumulated income of each Fund. The dividend declared is determined based on available income, the investment value of the principal of the Funds, and on the need for Dividend funds. The trustees have made the 2010 Dividend recommendations above in keeping with those guidelines. The Endowment Fund charters provide that any dividends declared may only be used for the purposes defined in the charters, and that they will not be used for any purpose which is included in the annual operating budget of the church.

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

Weekday Children's Ministry Team: Celia Ansley, Chair

This MT met March 9. The Preschool continues to work on their budget. Plans were completed for the "payoff" for hours remaining to staff that was left over from the Leave Policy change in 2008-9. Beth McLeod's resignation was accepted and her position will not be filled.

Registration for the fall continues with two classes full and four students needed in each of the other classes. The date of the next meeting is April 13.

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

The Quarterly Mission Division meeting including Local Outreach MT, Peace & Justice MT and Worldwide Ministries MT met March 1. Budget information was explained and discussed. The need for the Challenge to the congregation to help fill in the \$51,000+ gap between needs and receivables was explained along with the implications for the Mission Division. At the conclusion the group appeared resigned to reality.

The following reports were given:

Nickels for Hunger: Total monies collected for 2009 was \$4,827.09; for January \$316.00 and for February \$486.00.

Phone Cards: Horty Menser reported that over \$10,000 has been collected since this project was begun. She has sent 450 cards and has 60 more to send this week. She has just received the name of a new contact person in Iraq to facilitate this. All is going well.

The Free Clinic: Corinne Hachbold reported that 2,283 free patients were seen in 2009. 14,435 free prescriptions were given out. A recent grant for \$55,000 has been received which will mean longer hours each week that the Clinic can be open. However, in order to get this money, \$27,000 in matching funds must be raised.

Rise and Shine: Bev Cowan indicated that the new interim director had begun successfully. The biggest need is for new Team Members for the tutoring/mentoring program. The Rise and Shine Scholars are both in need of and very deserving of these services that the church and community teams can provide.

Boy Scouts: Edwin Jones reported that a good time was had by all this past Saturday while skiing at Sugar Mountain. Upcoming is the Spring Jamboree with survival and competitive activities planned. On 2/28/2010, at the 11:00 service, the Scouts made the annual presentation of the Charter.

Peace and Justice: The coffee and chocolate programs continue, reported Judith West. The next service the Peace and Justice will present will be Memorial Day. One of the arms of Peace and Justice is PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Aid). They are playing an important role in both Haiti and now also Chile. PDA comes in early in a disaster but stays to help in the long pull ahead. They are known as *RECOVERY* experts.

Missionaries: Louise Morgan told about the planned visit of Barbara Nagy who will speak to the PW "Birthday Luncheon" on Thursday May 6, 2010. All people are invited to attend. It is especially designed to encourage people who work during the day so the starting time for supper is 5:30 pm. At about 6:15, the group will go to the sanctuary for a talk and slides on Ms Nagy's experiences. The youth will be asked to help serve the supper. On May 1 and 2, the Adams will be here. It is hoped that this may be declared "Missionary Week" and Midweek Manna might do something that will fit into this.

Mission Partner: Judy Nebrig suggested that we consider having a once a month Minute for Mission at the beginning of the church services to keep people apprised with what our missionaries are doing around the world. We could use our Mission Yearbook or the PDA website for resources. We have asked for a Youth member to come for a visit from our Guatemalan Partner church. We may receive one of our scholarship children, now grown up.

Presbyterian Home for Children: The Strigos reported that April 17 is a work day at Presbyterian Home for Children and help is needed. On July 17, former staff and residents are invited back for a fun social event. The Home was thrilled with the baskets they received from B-DRPC before Christmas but, unfortunately, is in need of more.

Sharing House: The items needed this month will be posted next Sunday but you can always consult the *T Times* as items are listed there too. Our list, however, is especially for our congregation. Ruth Waugaman asked for additional help to deliver the items collected from the church to Sharing House. Anyone able to help with this is asked to let Ruth know or you can leave a message with Denise and she will pass the information on.

Habitat: Don Stinchcomb let us know that House #50 has officially been approved as a "Green House"; all the stringent regulations have been met. The house is close to being done. There is enough money available to start the next house. There is now an open enrollment period for people wishing to qualify to receive a house. The two main criteria to qualify are that they presently occupy substandard housing and their earning standards are below those necessary for a regular bank loan. People who are interested must first attend a seminar so they can learn all that is necessary.

Standing Committee of the Session

Nominating Committee: Pat Crawford, Chair

This committee will hold its first meeting on March 22. Members include Beverly Cowan, Nancy Davidson, Dorothy Knowles, Edwin Jones, Pam Dachiell, Luck Shepherd and Pat Crawford. Their first line of business will be to fill the vacancies on the Board of Deacons.

New Business of Session:

Carolyn Turner and Mary Johnson were approved to be Assistant Clerks of Session in the absence of the Clerk. There will be no Stated Session Meeting in July.

Pastor's Comments

Rev. Thompson will preach at Faith Chapel on July 4. Dr. Steele will offer a worship service on Early American and Patriotic music for both services on July 4.

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

Scott Kelley, Alternate

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