



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on May 19, 2009 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 meets monthly to discuss better and more ways to take care of those members in need.

Transportation (Pam Dashiell, chair) is provided to worship services for two members. It is also provided for doctor's visits, grocery store visits, hair appointments, or any other need for those who cannot drive or have no other transportation. Anyone who needs transportation should contact Pam Dashiell for this service.

The MT welcomes suggestions on how to best serve our members in need.

Church Family Division – Don Gentle, Lead Elder; Tammy Nye, Elder

Membership Ministry Team: Edna Bell, Chair.

Pentecost will be celebrated on May 31 in Davidson River Hall following the 11:00 worship service. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish and wear red to symbolize the love of The Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire.

The Membership MT will honor all those who have baked bread for or attended the bread cart on Sundays, with an appreciation brunch on Sunday, June 14 between the early and late services. Also, if you would like to learn more about how you can serve, please feel welcome to attend. Corinne Hachbold is the Bread Cart Coordinator and responsible for the brunch.

Finance Division – Tom Taylor, Lead Elder; John Hachbold & Phillip Jerome, Elders

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance MT met on May 14, 2009.

The April 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in April were \$43,486, falling \$1,485 short of forecast; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date were \$183,302, exceeding forecast by \$3,420; c) April expenses were \$48,921, exceeding forecast by \$3,558; d) year-to-date expenses of \$185,563 exceeded forecast by \$4,114. A majority of the shortfall for the month and year-to-date is due to the timing of payments to missionaries.

Designated giving was discussed. Designated giving includes all non-budget monies received, including special offerings, transfer accounts for activities (Guatemala mission trip, Midweek Manna, etc.) and monies given by members but earmarked for a particular use (Sharing House, love gifts, Organ Rebuild Fund, etc.). In 2008, total designated giving was \$136,513, of which \$105,808 was designated for missions or benevolences.

The Finance MT spoke with John Ryan, of Ryan, Hess and Morris Financial Associates Inc., regarding financial management services for the Organ Rebuild Fund (ORF). The ORF is currently invested in two stock mutual funds (Ariel and Parnassus) which have not performed well during the market downturn. Furthermore, the mutual funds are held directly by the church without professional management or advice. Therefore, the FMT agreed to propose a motion to the session to place the ORF with John Ryan of Ryan, Hess and Morris Financial Associates Inc. The motion was approved; therefore, the funds will be transferred and a more conservative investment strategy for the ORF will be developed by John Ryan and approved by the FMT. (Note: John Ryan currently manages the endowment funds for B-DRPC.)

The FMT determined that the movement of \$127.84 from a designated fund for the Spiritual Gifts program to the Christian Education MT (highlighted in the April FMT report) needs the approval of the session since the move directly impacts the 2009 budget. This was also approved by Session.

The next meeting of the Finance MT is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The 2009 Stewardship Ministry Team has not yet met.

Spiritual Life Division – Larry Goodwin, Lead Elder; Tom Taylor & Tammy Nye, Elders

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

The Worship MT did not meet in May.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

Sunday school open house will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Posters have been made and are displayed around the church. Parents will be called to invite both parents and their children to the open house. Sunday school teachers are being reminded of this open house, and a broadcast email will be sent to all members reminding them about the open house, the picnic and to wear red. On that Sunday, cookies will be served in the classrooms. Short questionnaires will be put in classrooms and Narthex asking for Sunday school ideas.

Midweek Manna will finish up for the year on May 27 with a worship service followed by an ice cream social.

Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Helpers are needed; a bulletin announcement to this effect appeared Sunday, May 17 and 24. If not enough helpers volunteer, VBS will have to be cancelled.

Sunday school "Class of the Month": Dan Bennett was asked to take pictures of each class and each teacher will be asked to write up a short description of his/her respective class. Each month a picture and class description will be posted on the kiosk.

There was a discussion about what the Christian Education MT's goal is. All agreed that we would like to see more people participating in CE activities (which include Midweek Manna and SS). We will discuss this more over the summer. Suggestions included: putting out a survey (paper and web-based) to find out what people want; rename Sunday school (Christian education, Life Connections, other); offer topical classes (i.e. study of *The Screwtape Letters*); start home-based small groups for CE.

The Search Committee for the new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries was discussed. Mary Jane Bennett is the CE representative for this search committee. The committee has met once and will be seeking someone to work on a part-time basis.

Next meeting will be June 15 at 5:00 in ED 3.

Communications Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Chair

The Communications MT met on May 6, 2009.

The church calendar was reviewed for possible *Transylvania Times* church announcements. Church Chicken for Charity fund raiser was discussed. Faye Paden is handling publicity for this. Darlene Drake volunteered to help and will write the article for the *Transylvania Times*. The Memorial Day Service was also discussed. This comes under Peace and Justice MT and Judith West has taken care of an article for this.

Don Stinchcomb, Chair, and Ginny Bradford will meet with Finance MT on May 14 to further discuss Designated Giving and how best to communicate 2008 contributions.

Communication with the congregation concerning the Youth and Children's Ministry position was discussed. Session will approve the hiring for this part-time position. The committee to recruit this candidate consists of Dan Bennett, Clerk of Session; Tom Crawford, Personnel MT; Mary Jane Bennett, Christian Education MT; Don Gentle, Elder and Keith Thompson. Keith will write an article for the June newsletter and Denise will include this information in the bulletin announcements.

Church Crier, Cathy Gary, will have an article in the June newsletter on House Calls. It was recommended that pictures be made of past and ongoing projects and include in a PowerPoint presentation running in DRH between services for all to see. A date for this has not been determined.

Communication MT will remind Session members to continue to make pictures during the year of their MTs and activities. These will be shown as part of the Annual Report at the end of the year.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

Standing Committee of the Session

Nominating Committee: Tom Taylor, Chair; Steve Letterman and Glenn Winston, members-at-large

This committee has begun to work on the next class of elders.

Administration Division – Phillip Jerome, Lead Elder; Jim Ansley & Lew Sayre, Elders

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

Personnel will meet as needed.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

The property team met with three members of AA who have been designated as spokespersons. They were willing to work with the property team to see that all rules for use of the church facility were met. They will be notified if a problem occurs.

Larry and Connie Braisted reported on the church work day and wanted to thank all who participated. The leaves were removed and 100 bags of mulch were used in refurbishing the flower beds. The sanctuary windows were washed.

Two window sills outside of the sanctuary were loose and the wood frame was wet. The team will repair them as soon as they have had a chance to dry.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

This committee will meet in late May.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

This committee did not meet in May.

Weekday Children’s Ministry – Celia Ansley, Chair, Sara Winston, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder

Sara Freeman, Director, presented the budget for next year. She had cut out any new materials, and included changes Session approved. To meet this pared down budget, proceeds from the fund raisers and scholarship help from the congregation will be needed. The indoor yard sale was held on May 9 and \$1480 was collected. The second event will be in October. Patty Jerome will help with the project. Freddie Hart, Clif Boyd, Elizabeth Gentle and Anita Dorfman will be on the committee. In August we

will begin "Send a child to preschool for a day". The congregation will be encouraged to send a child to preschool for a day once a month for \$10. Letters will be sent to each member.

Beth McLeod stated classes are filled. Possibly several additional children could be included on a wait list. The summer play program is filled. Sandy Matheny will be the Director. The classes will meet June 16-July 31 on Tues-Wed-Thurs 9 to 12 am. There will be five classes. The staff hours will be 8:30 to 12:30.

On May 15th the staff participated in their required annual education day. Classes were cancelled for the day.

Graduation for the preschool will be May 29th.

Next Preschool meeting will be May 26 at 5:00 pm. There will be no planned meetings in June or July. The August 17 meeting will be the next meeting.

Mission Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Sharing House Food Collection: Ruth Waugaman reported that May is being dedicated to requests for "spring cleaning" materials. Members are asked to bring in buckets filled with cleaning materials. Signs have been placed around the church reflecting this need. Bill and Margaret Riecke are in charge of food delivery to Sharing House for May. March total pounds collected were 664 lbs, and for April was 560 lbs.

Sharing House Representative: Gail Blunt reported that she, Bob Singdahlsen and Larry Goodwin represented B-DRPC at the April 24 meeting/workshop session. The Sharing House representatives reported on last year's collections and this year's needs. There is a special need for more volunteer workers for most any task one might like to perform. Significant discussion took place regarding administrative costs and how to report them more accurately. Sharing House has very low costs compared to most not-for-profit groups. Bottom Line: Volunteer hours and actual contributions and money are all anxiously sought since more and more people have to turn to Sharing House for help. Client visits for January through March for 2009 were 1021, for 2008 were 1014. New clients for 2009 were 79, for 2008 were 58. Total food (pounds) distributed for 2009 was 21,204 lbs, for 2008 was 17,468. Food (commodities) distributed for 2009 was 225, for 2008 was 92.

Phone Cards for Military: Horthy Menser reported that 275 cards were sent out in 2008 totaling \$5500 of which \$4000 came from the church family and \$1500 came from friends in the community. We are grateful to the church family for this success, and to our contacts in Iraq who put these cards in needy soldiers' hands.

Rise & Shine: The B-DRPC team of seven is headed by Sharyn Tuers and includes Beverly Cowan, Elaine Roechrich and Kim Spencer from the congregation and Linda Mashburn, Debra Davis and Edie Gabcik, friends of Sharyn. In addition, Ellie Mercer and Sue Barrett work with older children on a community team. This year is completed and will start back in August. If interested in participating on this team next year, please contact Sharyn Tuers 877-5572.

Relay for Life: Faye Paden reported donations are still being received.

Five-cents-a-meal Offering: April's offering totaled \$430.29, ytd is \$1714.81.

Grandfather Home for Children and Presbyterian Home for Children: Charlie and Wilda Strigo continue to gather information on these two homes.

Volunteers in Medicine: Gary Kendrick will be the guest speaker at the June Mission Division Quarterly Meeting.

House Calls: Luck reported House Calls has had three new referrals in the last month. All have been small projects costing less than \$100 total, and approximately five hours of labor. They consisted of one bad breaker, one stopped up shower head, some minor carpentry work and light bulbs changed.

A Social Worker called to say her client has only one bathroom with a shower that no longer works. The shower has no water, but the water works in the rest of the house. We were told a son had been to look at it and couldn't find the problem. Removing the shower head and turning on the faucet showed plenty of water available, just a stopped up shower head.

We sometimes wonder why family does not help those in need. We may never know what the circumstances are. But there is one thing for sure, when our Lord sends them to us for help, we will have to answer for our actions on judgment day, not for someone else.

Church Chicken for Charity: The Men's Group and Local Outreach MT are in charge of this fundraiser. Volunteers to help precook the pork and chicken are needed. Faye Paden is in charge of publicity. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer and/or come out and buy a plate for charity on Saturday, May 23.

Habitat for Humanity: Don Stinchcomb reported that unless funding improves, Habitat may have to halt the next house after completing the two houses now being built. Volunteers are needed. Several church members volunteer on certain days of the week to help with construction or other assigned tasks. In 2011 the lease expires on the building now being used for their Thrift Store where they sell used donated items to raise money for Habitat homes.

Other Business:

A note of thanks was received from Rodrigo Vargas, Executive Director of El Centro Comunitario, for their first Multicultural Food and Film Fest on May 2, held on the church grounds.

Worldwide Ministries MT: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair
The Pentecost Offering will be received May 31. Worldwide Ministries MT did not meet in May.

Peace & Justice MT: Judith West, Chair.

On Monday, Memorial Day, May 25 at 12:00 noon, a worship service will be held in the sanctuary to honor those who have lived and died for the causes of justice, peace and freedom. The Peace and Justice MT is sponsoring this service. Peace & Justice MT did not meet in May.

The next meeting will be the Mission Division Quarterly Meeting June 1, 11:00 am in the Church Lounge.

Other Business: A motion was approved to hold a Congregational Meeting on June 28 following the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of giving a review and update on salary decisions from a previous Congregational Meeting and to present the new proposed mission statement.

The Boy Scouts of America Charter will be presented during the 11:00 am worship service on June 7. B-DRPC is the charter organization for Troop 703.

Pastor's Comments: Keith congratulated the scouts on clearing the trail on the lower back church property and encouraged everyone to walk the trail. Kathy Reeves will be the liturgist on May 24. Bob Singdahlsen will be away visiting family in Virginia.

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

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