



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on May 18, 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 MT continues to visit shut-ins and are giving prayer shawls to those who do not have them. Transportation was provided to worship services, doctor's appointments, pharmacies, and PW Birthday Dinner. We discussed concerns about some of the shut-ins. Cards were sent to several members. Next meeting will be June 8.

Helping Hands Steering Committee: John Rowe, Chair

Motion previously passed by Session:

Congregational Care Ministry Team requests permission to set up a committee to directly assist members with needs or refer members to the appropriate committee or professional person.

Steering Committee:

John Rowe, Chair	jubilee3@citcom.net	862-8630
Howard Barnes	hebarnes@citcom.net	883-2236
Bill Riecke	mwmr@citcom.net	862-8804
Janet Shepherd	jls@citcom.net	883-8910
Sue Stickle	srstickle@citcom.net	883-4797
Carolyn Turner	turnerge@citcom.net	884-4899
John and Hilda Folger	jrfmd@citcom.net	884-2150

Carolyn is Lead Elder for CCMT. John and Hilda Folger are founders of this idea.

Objective: What does the standing committee need to do?
Survey/Interview people who have needed the services we plan to offer.

Suggested Services: Help with paying bills, balancing checkbook, etc; auto maintenance/repair/how to pump gas; how to open garage door when power is off; how to use appliances in the house.

Fellowship Relations Ministry Team: Ellie Mercer, Chair

Meets monthly.

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

Membership Ministry Team: Ann Hinze, Chair.

The Attendance Analysis (March-April 2010) report was submitted for review. The picture taking is finished, and it went well.

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team:

The MT met to plan the Pentecost Picnic and decorations for May 23rd, following the 11:00 o'clock service. It was decided to make it a pot-luck, with people signing up to bring various dishes, and for some to donate money for purchased fried chicken. This event may be held outside, weather permitting. All officers are encouraged to attend.

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

Finance Ministry Team: John Hachbold, Chair

No report.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Sam McManus, Chair

A Stewardship Fair was held on Sunday, May 16 after each service. Each Ministry Team participated in informing those attending about their programs and soliciting participation.

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

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

Plans were finalized for Pentecost on May 23. The Stewardship Fair scheduled for May 16 was discussed. Next meeting will be June 10.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

VBS will take place July 12-16 with the theme "Galactic Blast". Monthly activities for young children are being planned. Tom Taylor has agreed to be Chairman of this MT.

Midweek Manna Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

Mission Statement: "To provide opportunities to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through Worship, Bible study and Fellowship."

Midweek Manna MT will be continuing through the summer. Meals will not be prepared by cook teams. Each person/family will be responsible for bringing her own meal and drink. This will begin on June 2. Bible Studies were discussed and the team chose two studies that are 7 weeks each. The first study is: "Running the Race" (Phillippians) and the second study is: "The Christian in a Post Modern World." There will only be one class for the summer study. JAM Studies for the new year will be decided by Gary Greene and his teachers. Gary reports that we will need craft teachers for next year. We had two new visitors this past Wed. The cooking teams are being formed. Several team leaders from last year have agreed to be leaders again next year. Tacos are being removed from the menu as this meal is very expensive to purchase and we do not receive enough donations at MWM to pay for it. An Ice Cream Social is May 26 following the worship service. We still need members to assist with clean up and serving ice cream. Midweek Manna MT balance as of May 3, 2010 is \$ 2,241.81. Martha Taylor has agreed to be the new Chairperson. Kathy Kelley has volunteered to be the secretary. Thank you Kathy and Martha! Property MT requested that money be taken out of the Midweek Manna MT fund for cleaning the church stove/oven. It was unknown at the time of the meeting how much it would cost. Since all of the money in the Midweek Manna MT fund is already budgeted through the end of 2010, the request was turned down. Next meeting is June 9.

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

Communications Ministry Team: Darlene Drake, Chair

With members moving, resigning, and experiencing health problems we discussed the need to recruit more, at least one, preferably two, new members. We will advertise for members at the upcoming Stewardship Fair. Church Chicken for Charity publicity was discussed. The question has been raised about who has responsibility for maintaining and administering the bulletin boards, and it turns out it is the Communication MT. The bulletin boards will be surveyed and the results discussed at the next meeting.

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

Stucco repair is underway and should be completed next week. Additional damage has been identified and will cost an additional \$500. Additional stucco info: fascia surrounding the front entrance to the church was originally constructed poorly. The stucco was applied directly to the oriented strand board (OSB). This allowed moisture to

penetrate and rot the OSB. Fire Alarm System Faulting: the fault has been repaired with the replacement of a module. Additional Fire Alarm System Info: the system is approx. 15 yrs old and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Repairs will be more difficult in the future due to unavailability of parts. We are not completely up to code and may need to upgrade or replace it soon. Kitchen Stove: we will contract to have it cleaned after Midweek Manna is completed. We will also contract to have it cleaned at least once a year, maybe twice. This will be a Property MT budget item. Moving Sign: we will try to get the sign moved in June. Jim Ansley will contact Bob Rebscher for info on how it was built and installed. A request has come from the Preschool to plant an azalea in honor of Beth McLeod, retiring Preschool Director and this was granted. Next meeting is June 8.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair
The COM met on May 12.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair
The Session approved the recommendations listed below of the Special Funds Management Committee, acting as the Trustees of the Mission and General Endowment Funds, for grants from the 2010 Endowment Fund Declared Dividends:

A. From the Mission Endowment Fund 2010 Declared Dividend (\$5,000 max)

1. Center For Dialogue...\$500 for Project Adventure Youth Counseling Books
 2. Presbyterian Home For Children...up to \$550 for Welcome Baskets
 3. Grandfather Home For Children...up to \$550 for Emergency Kits
 4. TCM Sharing House (through Koinonia)...\$500 for Decent Furniture Fund to provide used furniture vouchers for displaced families
 5. Free Clinic of Transylvania County...\$2,200 for Security Lock System
 6. Whitewater Cove Home For Children (partial)...\$700 for remodeling of facility to house transient teachers for Home
- TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED.....\$5,000.00

B. From the General Endowment Fund 2010 Declared Dividend (\$18,000 max)

1. BDRPC Capital Improvement Fund...\$10,000 to increase balance for major repairs
 2. Whitewater Cove Home For Children (partial)...\$4,381.63 for remodeling of facility to house transient teachers for Home.
- TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED.....\$14,381.63.

BACKGROUND:

The Session has previously approved the 2010 Dividends from the Mission Endowment Fund Income and from the General Endowment Fund Income. On 5/13/10, the Special Funds Management Committee met to consider applications for potential uses of these dividends. Requests for grants were presented by members from the Mission Ministry Team and by the Finance Ministry Team. The grants listed above were approved by the Committee and are recommended to the session for approval. The request for the Center for Dialogue was for \$1,000, but the Committee awarded only \$500, feeling that the additional amount was not adequately justified. The request for the Sharing House Decent Furniture Fund was made through Koinonia in the amount of \$1,000, but the Committee felt that \$500 was justified in light of the contributions from other churches and because BDRPC already provides significant other funding to Sharing House via the B-DRPC operating budget. The Committee declined to approve a request by the Peace and Justice MT for \$300 in funding for books for use by prisoners at the Transylvania County Detention Center, voting that it was not justified. With respect to the \$10,000 funding of the B-DRPC Capital Improvement Fund, the Committee recognized that the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund, which is intended to fund major repairs such as replacing the roof over the sanctuary or painting of the sanctuary, has fallen to \$20,000, not nearly enough to fund such a major repair. The balance in the Fund should be more like \$50,000 to be able to function as needed, and the \$10,000 will increase the balance to \$30,000 in 2010, moving the church towards the \$50,000 goal. With respect to the two grants to the Whitewater Cove Children's Home, the request was for \$5,081.63 in total, but since the Mission Endowment Dividend had only \$700 remaining after the previous five grants had been approved and the SFMC felt that this was a worthy project, the remaining \$4,281.63 was funded from the General Endowment Dividend so that the total amount requested could be met. If all the recommendations above are approved by the Session, (they were approved) the 2010 Mission Endowment Dividend of \$5,000 will

have been completely utilized leaving a zero balance available and the 2010 General Endowment Dividend of \$18,000 will have a remaining available balance of \$3,618.37.

The Special Funds Management Committee also approved a grant of \$150 to Don Stinchcomb from the Undesignated Memorials Fund (not an Endowment Fund) for restoration of a historical church letter and its frame, which was damaged in an accident in the Davidson River Room. Decisions regarding grants from the Undesignated Memorials Fund are delegated by the Session to the SFMC, and do not need further approval, so the mention of this item is for information only.

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

Weekday Children's Ministry Team: Celia Ansley, Chair

Carolyn Winchester presented an informative report on the history of the Preschool Education that has been a part of B-DRPC for over fifty years. She spoke of maintaining a standard of excellence, past financial problems, the plunging economy, the generosity of ministry team members, and church members who contribute needed supplies that help to reduce expenses. Many of the teachers have teacher certifications but have chosen to teach at the B-DRPC Preschool at considerably less money. Several ideas for fundraisers were discussed and will be referred to Weekday Children's MT. Contacting past families who attended the Preschool for a reunion and/or scholarship contributions is a possibility. Weekday Children's MT feels that the scholarship appeal to the congregation last year was a big success (approx. \$7000) and that this could be extended to families in the community who previously attended the Preschool.

An informative presentation was given by Sara Freeman as she spoke of designated scholarships that help with ¼ and ½ of the tuition and serve as a mission outreach into the community, teachers' salaries, restructuring the personnel policy that has cut costs and the infant/toddler class that makes this Preschool unique. She invited everyone to come visit the Preschool and see firsthand the day-to-day operations and also to come to the Year End Program at 10:30 June 3.

More information will be presented at the June Session meeting.

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

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Don Stinchcomb reviewed the updated budget. The new numbers were arrived at by taking the sum of the 2010 allocated budget plus the distribution of the 2009 revenue surplus plus the April 30, 2010 YTD Challenge funds received. Several of the organizations have received their first 2010 distribution of funds but more will be distributed as additional Challenge funds are received. There will be a Special Funds request from the Strigos for both the Presbyterian Home and for the Grandfather Home to provide the assembled receiving kits for children that arrive without extra clothing, toiletries, towels and wash clothes and other basic supplies. Corinne Hachbold has obtained the necessary documentation for a Special Funds request for the Free Clinic for security equipment for their storage room for pharmaceuticals as well as for the building. Horty Menser stated that a total of over \$10,000 has been received by the congregation for phone cards for soldiers and when she asks the congregation for funds she receives them. Kim Spencer was unable to attend the monthly Koinonia meeting but she has submitted a request which will be presented to Special Funds for Koinonia, to be used to fulfill a pledge to Sharing House which will, in turn, be used to provide vouchers to the local thrift stores for families that have been burned out, women who have left an abusive situation and other such crisis needs for furniture and other living needs. Faye Paden announced that the Five-Cents-a-Meal collection for April was \$362 and the YTD total is \$1560. Edwin Jones requested volunteers for May 5 to assist with set up of White Water Cove's flower sale. Next meeting is June 7.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair

Judy Nebrig provided an overview of the work of "El Centro". This program is housed for no cost in the "old manse" at the church. The program began in 2001 with the intention of welcoming Hispanics into Transylvania County and has grown into a multifaceted program. Many members of B-DRPC volunteer at El Centro providing English lessons, homework tutoring, and other support. Of the approximately 1000 Hispanics in the county, El Centro serves about 250.

Final preparations for Memorial Day service were made. Judith provided information about the chaplaincy program at the local jail. The group decided not to request funds for direct support of the chaplain but to request \$300 for literature in Spanish to circulate to inmates. This request will be made to Special Funds Management Committee. A

request from Center for Dialogue, for equipment and training to support their youth program was reviewed. The group decided to support this request for SFMC. Stewardship MT has asked that representatives from each ministry team be available to answer questions after each service on May 16. Coffee and chocolate product sales are good. Next meeting is June 15.

El Centro and Immigrant Realities in Transylvania County

- I. CCHA: History, Purpose;
 - a. From Whit-C to CCHA (from “Welcoming Latinos” to “Being Latinos”)
 - b. Working for well-being of Latinos
 - c. Integration for benefit of all
- II. Programs to carryout purpose:
 - a. Inform and educate; Latinos and Non-Latinos
 - i. Classes: English, Spanish, Cooking, Computer workings
 - ii. Homework club
 - iii. Civic forums:
 - 1. for Latinos: Re: public housing, family care plan (deportation?)
 - 2. For Non-Latinos: immigration issues eg: Secure Communities, Comprehensive Immigration Reform
 - iv. Phone and personal response to queries of Latinos, non-Latinos
 - b. Support initiatives to enhance well-being:
 - i. Women’s cooperative
 - ii. Soccer league
 - iii. Classes at Boys and Girls Club
 - c. Integration
 - i. Bilingual T. Times column
 - ii. Place to gather, invite guests (Las Posadas)
 - iii. Cooking, sharing with church
 - iv. Community events (sponsored: International Film and Food Festival, Mexican Village Festival, Road clean-up, Board meetings)
 - v. Collaboration with community organizations, events:
- III. Current realities we’re addressing:
 - a. Lack of opportunity to get driver’s license....lack of alternate transportation
 - b. One ESL Coordinator for whole school system
 - c. Substandard housing with little recourse
 - d. Employers taking advantage of workers (not paying; response to employee)
 - e. Secure Communities program in county
 - f. Lack of fair and comprehensive immigration policy
- IV. How you can help
 - a. Spend time with Latinos
 - b. Be informed and inform others
 - c. Advocate for just immigration policy

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team:

Dan and Carol Adams, missionaries we help support, were our guests on May 2. Dan presented the sermon on that day and several events were planned for Sunday afternoon. The Presbyterian Women hosted a dinner and program the evening of May 6 with Dr. Barbara Nagy as the guest speaker.

Standing Committee of the Session

Nominating Committee: Pat Crawford, Chair

This committee continues to meet regularly and is working on the 2013 slate of officers.

Presbytery Meeting

Gail Blunt, Ginny Bradford and Keith Thompson attended the April 27 Presbytery Meeting of WNC that was held at Montreat.

Pastor’s Comments

The June Session meeting was approved to be changed to June 8 at 6:00 pm. Confirmation Class is going well and the youth participating in this will be presented at the June Session meeting. Youth Sunday went very well with the

youth showing poise and leadership skills as they lead the worship service on May 16. Remember to wear red for Pentecost Sunday.

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

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