



OCTOBER 2009

The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on October 20, 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 members who request this service. Also provided is transportation for doctors' 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 (862-5957). If you are interested in being a volunteer to drive members, please call Pam Dashiell.

Fellowship Relations Committee: Larry Goodwin, Acting Chair

This Committee did not meet in October.

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

Membership Ministry Team: Ann Hinze, Chair.

The Inquirer's Class was held September 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Sara Kellar provided everyone with a wonderful "Moment for History" regarding our hymnbook. Our blue hymnal, The Presbyterian Hymnal, was published in 1989 after a committee of 18 persons from all across the church worked for four years in the process of selecting hymns. Prior to this hymnal, we used a red hymnal, The Hymnal, published in the 1950's. As with anything new, not everyone was happy with all the hymn selections or omissions. There are some six hundred hymns and service songs in the book, and we are grateful to those volunteers who served on that hard-working selection committee.

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

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The September 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in September of \$33,480.65 fell short of forecast by \$11,489.85; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date of \$404,834.48 exceeded forecast by \$99.98; c) new pledges continue to fall short of forecast; d) September expenses of \$39,820.80 were \$5,541.43 less than forecast for the month; e) year-to-date expenses of \$382,978.82 were \$25,281.23 below forecast, with much of the savings a result of the open Youth Director position.

The 2010 budget process was briefly discussed. The process will once again involve the FMT developing a budget recommendation to present to the Session. The Session, however, holds final responsibility for the budget and will be intimately involved in developing and approving the final 2010 budget.

A proposal by the Communications MT for quarterly and monthly financial reporting to the congregation was discussed and rejected in favor of a much more clear and simple statement.

Nita Padgett and Denise Byrd have worked hard at establishing the potential for online giving. A merchant account and other "back room" programs and procedures are in place and a trial period has begun. The program has been established through ACS and will allow recurring and on-time contributions to B-DRPC to be made over the Internet and logged directly into our financial program. Giving may be in the form of electronic fund transfers, credit cards and debit cards.

The next meeting of the Finance MT is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The 2009 Stewardship team met in September and the stewardship program is in progress. Stewardship Sunday is set for October 25. Bulletin inserts promoting stewardship appeared for the first three weeks of October. Ministry updates were given by Carolyn Winchester and Tom Taylor at both services. Rev. Thompson's stewardship letter and an accompanying pledge card were mailed on October 7. Denise Byrd created an online pledge form that can be completed and sent directly to Nita Padgett. The form can be accessed from the B-DRPC home page.

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

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

Plans were made to read the names of our church members who have passed away this past year on All Saints' Sunday (November 1). A handbell will be rung after each deceased church member's name is read.

The Worship MT's 2010 proposed budget was prepared for submission to the Finance MT.

The 2010 communion schedule approved by the Worship MT was also approved by Session.

The Hanging of the Greens will take place during the 8:45 am and 11:00 am worship services on Sunday, November 29.

The Moravian Love Feast will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. This will take the place of Midweek Manna.

Charlie Steele announced that he will present an organ recital on Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

A motion was approved by Session that the responsibility for Young Children's Worship be transferred to Christian Education beginning November 1.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

A new Sunday school class, Parents and Friends of Young Children, has been formed and will be lead by Dan and Mary Jane Bennett. The book chosen is *Parenting is Your Highest Calling...and Eight Other Myths that Trap Us in Worry and Guilt* by Leslie Leyland Fields. The tentative start date is November 1.

A new name associated with Sunday school and other areas of the church, "Growth Groups", was submitted to Session and was approved. A special logo that will tie in "Growing in Christ" from the church Mission Statement will be used.

The next meeting will be November 16 at 5:00 pm.

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

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Acting Chair

Jack Gould was welcomed as a new member to Communications MT.

The status of the Mission Statement and logo was discussed. It was felt that this has been accepted well by the congregation and is now being used in many different ways in communicating information. A church banner was discussed. It was felt that the Mission Statement and logo incorporated into a banner like the other banners in DRH would be a nice addition. Finding someone to construct the banner is needed.

The Alternative Gift Bazaar will start being publicized in November.

Darlene Drake will become the chairman in January.

Since Paula Jackson will be leaving when their house sells, her position as Production Staff chair was discussed. Paula also copies the worship service each Sunday onto CDs and tapes and records

attendance from the Friendship Registry. Worship MT will have to find a replacement for these two tasks. Denise will oversee the Production Staff and will report if she has any problems.

The next meeting will be November 4 at 10:00 am.

Standing Committee of the Session

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

This committee is working 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

Steve Sales reported that the Fire Marshall made an inspection of the Preschool and pointed out things that needed to be corrected due to new regulations. This included more electrical outlets for the Preschool office, larger lighted exit signs, fire alarms that are wired in to a system and an emergency light. This work has been completed.

An independent Preschool evaluation group inspected the Preschool and playground. They reported that we needed to have six inches of mulch on the play ground. This has been done with a cost of \$6200. The cost of all this has been \$6200. There was also a drainage problem on the play ground. Wes Branning, Jim Ansley and Larry Braisted corrected this problem.

Larry and Connie Braisted reported that the volunteer program for being responsible for a “plot” of ground to maintain, is going quite well. The grounds look very nice. They also reported that a new member of the church that is a Landscape Architect has volunteered to draw up a plan that will focus attention on the church entrance. We are grateful for this service.

A church-wide clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday, December 5.

Steve Sales pointed out to us that the facade on the front of the church entrance and the free standing walls on the roof of the church are blistering and cracking. They seem to be constructed of some sort of synthetic stucco. A person who might be able to repair this is being sought.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The third meeting of the Committee on Ministry was held Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 1:00 pm in the Church Library.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

A motion was submitted to Session to approve and confirm the vote by the Special Funds Management Committee on 10/8/09 to make a grant of \$10,000 to Habitat For Humanity to support the construction of its 50th home in Transylvania County. The grant would be payable on approval by the Session, and it would come from the 2009 dividend declared from the General Endowment Fund Income account. The motion was approved.

BACKGROUND

At its July, 2009, meeting, the Special Funds Management Committee (SFMC) declared a 2009 dividend in the amount of \$12,000 from the General Endowment Fund Income account. The SFMC recommended to the Session that the dividend be used for local mission purposes and that applications for grants from the dividend were to be submitted to the SFMC by any B-DRPC ministry team. The Session approved the dividend amount and rules at its August, 2009, meeting. The request for the Habitat for Humanity grant of \$10,000 came to the SFMC from the Mission Ministry Team, and two Mission Ministry Team representatives (Ginny Bradford and Don Stinchcomb) came to the SFMC meeting on October 8th, 2009, to present the application and to answer any questions. The grant application had previously been approved by a unanimous vote of the full Mission Ministry Team. After discussion, the SFMC approved the request. No other applications for grants from the 2009 dividend have yet been received by the SFMC. Two thousand dollars still remain available for grants from the 2009 declared dividend. Any grants from the 2009 dividend must be approved by 12/31/09. Any dividend funds not approved by 12/31/09 will revert to the General Endowment Fund principal.

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

The main business for the meeting was to pull together the work of all the sub-committees on the Scholarships for Preschoolers. The letter that will be mailed out was approved by Session. Included in the letter will be gift level choices for contributions. Thank you notes will be sent to all contributors to the fund. The Preschool "Logo" will be at the top of the letter and on the envelope sent with each letter. The goal is to mail letters the first of November and to participate in the Alternative Gift Bazaar in December.

Sara Freeman gave a brief report on enrollment and collection of tuition. Four students have dropped due to lack of funds in the family. She is beginning dialogue with families who are behind in dues.

Rebecca Jackson has been hired as the new assistant teacher in the "2's". She has been a special ed teacher and is fully qualified.

Next meeting is November 10, Sara F. will to lead devotions.

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

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Local Outreach MT did not meet in October.

Don Stinchcomb and Ginny Bradford met with Special Funds Management Committee on October 8 to present a request from Mission Division for a \$10,000 grant from the General Endowment Funds to go toward the 50th Habitat House. This was approved by SFMC and was presented by SFMC and approved by Session.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair

Peace and Justice MT did not meet in October.

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair

The proposed 2010 Mission Budget was reviewed and discussed. A group of representatives from each of Mission's MTs met and came up with the proposed budget. After learning of the Adam's change of plans, (instead of retiring at the end of 2009, their retirement date has been extended to June 30, 2010), they were allocated one half of the amount given the other three missionaries. The total amount for missionaries did not change, only the distribution for each missionary.

Adams	\$1650
Nagy	\$3850
Braaksma	\$3850
Tilton	\$3850
Total	\$13,200

Guatemala Scholarships were discussed. Session approved promoting the scholarships again this year. Letters will be sent out to current sponsors by the end of October. The scholarships will also be available at the Alternative Gift Bazaar.

The Church to Church Partnership Covenant with Horeb church in Guatemala and B-DRPC was approved by Session for another three years beginning 2010.

The Alternative Gift Bazaar will be displayed in DRH December 13 and 20 following each worship service. Sharing House heating oil assistance with matching funds, Heifer International, Presbytery plumpy nuts and mosquito nets, Guatemala scholarships (full and partial), Free Clinic and Preschool scholarships will be available as alternative gifts. Volunteers will be needed to man the display tables following each service those two Sundays.

There will be no meeting in November or December but we will meet for the Mission Quarterly meeting December 7 at 11:00 am.

Other Business:

The large oak tree that fell in the side lawn of the church was discussed. The tree will be milled and dried and a piece of furniture will be made for the church. Most of the limbs from the tree will be donated for firewood to Sharing House. Lew Sayre and Jim Ansley will oversee this project.

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 2009

Jim Ansley

Dan Bennett, Clerk of Session

Don Gentle

Roy Cowan

Tom Taylor

CLASS OF 2010

Larry Goodwin

Phillip Jerome

Don Stinchcomb

Carolyn Turner

Sara Winston

CLASS OF 2011

Ginny Bradford

John Hachbold

Freddie Hart

Tammy Nye

Lew Sayre

Paula Jackson, Alternate