

# **St. John's United Methodist Church**

## **Church Council**

### **January 24, 2006**

#### **Attendance**

In attendance were Council members Liz Benton, Jay Bilyeu, Judy Bilyeu, Jim Bodie, Chuck Brown, Tom Brown, Alison Carpenter, Mae Croft, Beth Eberhard, Dennis Fish, Terry Fleming, Neil Flowers, John Geiger, Lance Goodlove, Walter Guy, Tom Hallman, Archie Hargett, Jim Holly, George Howle, Ray Hydrick, Billie Johnson, Dave Kelly, Donna Caprell Kraft, Frankie Lambright, Tom McCollum, Nancy McKnight, Brenda Meeks, Jackie Meeks, Ellen Miller, Catherine Stapleton Nance, Leigh Norton, Andy Parlantieri, Michelle Pearson, Travis Pearson, Ann Prather, Bob Prather, Allen Radcliffe, Virgil Sauls, Lisa Taylor, Deedee Vaughters, Edward Yeh, and Bud Zobel.

Also attending were Carole Smith, Jerry Johnson, Paul Rideout, Spence Grothier, Mary Kosky, and Mimi Wiland.

#### **Call to order**

Chair, Archie Hargett asked George Howle to open the meeting with prayer. In response to his question about those needing our prayers, the following names were mentioned: Sarah Perkins, Bob Alexander, Alan Eckmyre, Dennis Hydrick, Gordon Kennerly, Chuck Cannon and Joanne Glass's mother.

#### **Minutes**

Allen Radcliffe asked that the minutes be corrected to read, "The work on the HVAC is expected to be begun over the Christmas holidays." Dave Kelly moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Jay Bilyeu seconded, and the motion was carried.

#### **Old business**

Neill Flowers reported that Jake Schofield, our recently retired custodian, was greatly missed. The Pre School especially miss seeing him. George Howle reported on his good experience and the benefits of the yearly Pulpit Exchange.

#### **New business**

Archie Hargett welcomed new council members. He announced that some committees will be reported through the Family Life Committee and Terry Fleming.

**Trustees** — Allen Radcliff reported that 95% of the HVAC controls have been installed. The emphasis this year will be main building maintenance. Some of this has been put off for a long time.

**Stewardship** — *No report.*

**Finance** — Liz Benton presented a recommendation from the Finance committee that the \$120,000 that was carried over from last year be used as follows: \$52,000 for the purchase of new heating and air conditioning

controls and \$65,000 for a new chiller for the Sanctuary. Walter Guy seconded the recommendation and the vote was carried unanimously.

When questioned about the percentage our church paid toward apportionments last year, Liz reported that the church paid an additional \$57,622 toward apportionments to bring the total paid up to 50% for 2005. The 2006 budget includes 100% for apportionments.

**SPRC** — Dennis Fish brought forth a recommendation from the SPRC that the work hours for all of the custodial staff be increased from 35 to 40 hours a week. Liz Benton, Finance Chairperson, reported that money for this recommendation could come from reassigning funds already in the budget.

The \$3000 that was designed to pay off the line of credit is no longer needed. Some funds can come from the Hurricane Relief fund since it will serve as reimbursement for expenses encountered during our guests' stay in our gym. We also have funds from our Immerging Ministry Fund, from the undesignated memorial fund, and from the Special Advertising Fund. Jim Holly stated that the evangelism committee may have plans for the funds to come from the Special Advertising funds. After much discussion over the increased need for these services and the means for securing them, the vote was called for the SPRC's original recommendation. The vote was unanimously carried.

Andy Parlantieri made the motion to add a provision that the funds to be taken from the Evangelism Committee be restored as soon as additional funds become available. Dave Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was carried with one opposing vote.

Dennis then announced that SPRC has returned paperwork required by the Conference to request the return of George Howle as our Senior Pastor next year. The District Superintendent has stated that this is Sam Marcengill's last year with us. However, the SPRC has officially stated that we would like to have Sam return at his discretion.

New employee, Robert Wood who was also one of our Katrina victims will lose his Health Insurance coverage under FEMA the end of January. He will qualify for Medicare a few days later. The policy of St. John's has always been that new employees do not qualify for Health Insurance until they have been employed by the church for one year. After much discussion on the best way to pursue supplemental medical coverage for Robert without compromising policy, the decision was made to table the decision until additional information could be obtained.

**Youth** — Travis Pearson reported that the Ski Trip on January 5 was great. The youth look forward to the following up-coming projects: Souper Bowl Fund raiser on Super Bowl Sunday to raise money for Christ Central; The Valentine Dinner fund raiser; and Cardboard City to raise awareness of the needs of the homeless. It was announced that Director of Youth Programs, Neill Flowers has been selected Hero of the Month by Channel 12. The presentation will be broadcast on January 26 at noon.

**Worship/Music**—No Report.

**UMW** — No Report

**UMM** — No Report.

***Endowment:*** No Report

***Missions*** — Dave Kelly said that the results of the survey regarding mission activities completed within individual groups of the church should be available next month. So far the results indicate that, at least, \$30,000 of non budgeted funds went from our church to missions last year. Round tables with table cloths have been donated to Wesley United Methodist Church.

***Capital Campaign-*** The committee has met. Heather Yeh and Michael Mikes have been chosen to lead the campaign. Almost everyone who has been asked to help has agreed. The campaign will be presented in a positive way. Everyone will be encouraged to give something but no one will be pressured to give more than they can. The theme for the campaign will be “Release the Future”.

***George Howle’s Closing Comments and Additional announcements:***

Fabulous February will begin soon. Plans for a new Pictorial Directory are being made. We will have a Healing Service on February 5. Also, on February 5, the confirmation class will begin. St. John’s will be hosting the community Lenten Luncheons. George charged each council member to invite, at least, one new person to church each month.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00.

**Closing**

George closed the meeting with prayer.



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**Judy D. Bilyeu**  
**Secretary**