

St. John's United Methodist Church

Church Council and Charge Conference

August 22, 2006

Attendance

In attendance were Council Members Bill Aiken, Liz Benton, Jay Bilyeu, Judy Bilyeu, Jim Bodie, Rob Braithwaite, Dennis Fish, Terry Fleming, Neil Flowers, John Geiger, Tom Hallman, Jim Holly, George Howe, Billie Johnson, Dave Kelly, Donna Caprell Kraft, Tom McCullum, Nancy McKnight, Jack Meeks, Catherine Stapleton-Nance, Leigh Norton, Andy Parlantieri, Shirley Parlantieri, Ann Prather, Bob Prather, Allen Radcliffe, Renee Reid, Paul Rideout, Harry Sampson, Virgil Sauls, Bob Stokes, Edward Yeh, and Bud Zobel. Also attending were Mary Kosky, Carla Fleming, Jerry Johnson, Jack Gilbert, Jan Gilbert, Chester Reeves, Spence Grotheer, Peggy Bumpus, Joe Bumpus, Mark Naelcom, Mary Alice Naelcom, and John Stapleton,.

Charge Conference

Call to order

The Rev. Dr. George Howle, as presiding elder, called the meeting to order in Ward Hall. He stated that the sole purpose of the conference was to approve the sale of the Magnolia Street Parsonage. Dennis Fish opened the meeting with prayer.

Proposal

Allen Radcliffe, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, presented the Trustee's proposal in two parts. One part would be decided by the Charge Conference and the second part would be decided by the Church Council.

Part one proposes that the Magnolia Street parsonage be sold.

The second part proposes that 10% of the net proceeds of the sale minus \$19,800 representing the original cost, be used for mission projects with the remainder of the proceeds being used for debt retirement.

Discussion

The parsonage was purchased in 1973 at a cost of \$19,800. Additional discussion followed.

Vote

The vote was made by way of secret ballot. The results of the vote were: 28 votes in favor of the sale and one vote for no. Therefore, the vote was carried.

Close

All business having been completed the Charge Conference was closed.

Church Council
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Call to Order

Vice Chairperson, Virgil Sauls called the meeting to order in Ward Hall. Prayer concerns were presented and an opening prayer was given by Virgil Sauls.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dave Kelly, seconded by Tom Hallman and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read.

New Business

Missions Presentation – Jan Gilbert gave a special report on a Global Outreach Week-end which has been approved by the Missions Committee. It will be held February 9-11, 2007, and will last six hours. The presenters will be from World Parish Ministries. The purpose will be to identify methods for mobilizing the entire congregation for missions. All interested persons will be invited with key leaders being strongly encouraged to attend.

Reports from the Cottage Meeting Data- These reports have been postponed until a future meeting due to time needed for the Charge Conference.

Committee reports

Staff Parrish Relations- Dennis Fish reported that the Pastor Parrish Relations committee makes the recommendation that the part time position of Director of Missions be established. Neill Flowers has asked to move from the position of Director of Youth Ministries but would like to stay as Facilities Director while taking on the tasks of being a central contact and leader of mission activities. A new Director of Youth Ministries will be hired. Funds for the new part-time position will come from the Associate Pastor's salary for the remainder of the year and the position will be placed in the budget for the new year. A vote was made and carried.

Trustees— Allen Radcliffe presented the second part of the Trustees' proposal that the proceeds from the sale of the Magnolia Street parsonage be used as follows:

* \$19,800 plus \$25,000 from the sale of the Dupree Place parsonage be set aside for possible future use in the purchase of additional property.

* 10% of the remaining net profit be used for mission projects.

* All additional net profit be used for debt retirement.

After much discussion, Andy Parlantieri made a motion that all remaining net profit (after removing the original cost of the property to be set aside for possible future purchase of property) be used for debt retirement. Rob Braithwaite seconded the motion. A vote was taken by way of secret ballot. Results were 17 votes for the motion and 12 votes against. The motion was carried.

Finance- Liz Benton reported that expenditures are in line for this time of year. So far our income has exceeded costs.

Education- Terry Fleming reported the completion of the murals in the hall of the children's area of the Education Building. Preparation is almost complete to begin the new Rotation Sunday School Classes.

Congregational Care- No report

Worship — Katherine Stapleton-Nance reported that Sept. 3 will be The Great Day Of Singing. Persons are asked to put their requests for hymns in the box by the office. George Howle reported that plans are being made for a third service. Times and formats are being researched.

Evangelism- Jim Holly reported that several projects are underway. These include the drop off of baked goods and informational DVD to visitors, the publishing of a new brochure with the help of Olin Mills to be placed at the Chamber of Commerce, new registration pads for the pews, and the possibility of advertising.

Stewardship- Rob Braithwaite reported that our annual giving campaign will be more subtle this year because of the recent success of our capitol funds drive. An emphasis will be made on the pledging of time and talents.

Youth—New Youth Officers have been elected. Marshall Mahoney is the new president of Senior Highs.

United Methodist Women- Rene Reid reported that Make-Over Madness Home Addition will be held Friday night, August 25. UMW members have been asked to invite non church member friends to come with them. Twenty-two churches are now working together on the Apple Fest for Acts.

United Methodist Men- No report.

Endowment Committee- No report

Strategic Planning- Tom Hallman announced that the committee will meet next week. They are looking at models for strategic planning.

George Howle's Closing Comments:

George asked Harry Sampson to report on his new job. Harry has been involved with the staff, been through CPR training, and is looking forward to the future.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00.

Closing

George closed the meeting with prayer.



Judy D. Bilyeu
Secretary