

# Minutes

## St. John's Education Committee

### May 1, 2007

Beth Eberhard, chairperson of the St. John's UMC Education Committee, was unable to attend, due to family illness. Harry Sampson convened the meeting by having Ron Jernigan open with prayer. There were seven members present. See the roll for attendance.

The Mission statement and scope and objectives from the Strategic Plan of 1/27/07 for the education committee was used as the format of the meeting.

There is a need to communicate what people can do in the mission field. Jan Gilbert was called in to discuss her plan to take a 3 week class to every Sunday school class to give them this background. It will include 1. the Biblical basis for involvement in missions, 2. the needs due to poverty in our own community, and 3. the various opportunities to serve in missions. They plan to have their lessons ready by mid July. Jim Heffner said the St John's Academy may be a good place to start with these lessons in July. The Academy will present Methodism 101 in June.

Ron Jernigan led the discussion of our Bible study needs. The committee asked that a yearly series be considered, and that a different series be presented each year on a rotating basis. Those considered were Witness, Disciple, and Christian Believers. We will need committed teachers to make this happen. There is a need for a coed class on Sunday evenings for working people.

Tina Frazier has worked so hard to get the required number of teachers to keep the O.A.R.S. (rotational Sunday School for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders) moving forward. All is going well, but it is a challenge.

Ron Williamson announced that applications for the Inez Crain Scholarship are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> with a budget of \$2000 to disperse. He would like to see more money included from the Joe Lee Hill fund so that more and larger scholarships could be awarded. He would also like to have the guidelines for selection reviewed and expanded for next year.

Work areas:

Secretary- Polly Goldston

Preschool Sunday School- Katie Proctor

Elementary Sunday School-Tina Frazier

St. John's Academy- Jim Heffner

Coffee House- Harry Sampson

Bible Studies- Ron Jernigan

Adult Sunday School-Tom Brown

Teacher appreciation- Jessica Mussette

Inez Crane Scholarship committee chair-Ron Williamson

Meeting was closed with prayer by Tom Brown.

