

DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

April 27, 2010

Church Parlor

ATTENDING:

Members: Steve Roan (Chair), Tim Baucom, Jim Burdick, Elaine Coleman, Amy Dinsmore, Bill Forthman, Kathryn Kelehear, Lou Kirkman, Lowell Kirkman, C. S. Lee, Debbie Macon, Mary Thelma Norris, Cindy Ray, Sue Tuggle, Chuck Upchurch

At-Large Members: Patti Coppedge, Mary Pollard, Kerry Sikes

Staff: Rev. Robin Lindsey, Jan Byrum, Lindsey Laney

Others: Robyn Bishop, Bill McDaniel, Maryanne McDaniel, Bryan Morton, Jim Patterson, Sue Phelps

ABSENT:

Members: Murray Bandy, Donna Barclay, Cheryl Baucom, Paul Belk, Deck Cheatham, Bryan Hair, Jody McClurg, Charles Miller, Laura Orr, Doug Renz, Ken Renz, Amanda Riggle, Henry Teel, Lynn Tunnell, Linnie Tunnell

At-Large Members: Billy Boyett, J. T. Finley, Jeff Hughes, Charles Maret, Jeff Tatum, Robert Vining

Staff: Rev. Billy Beard, Peter Infanger, Rev. James Hughes, Susie Brown, Susie Brown

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Steve Roan, Church Council Chair.

- (1) Lou Kirkman lit the candle.
- (2) Bill Forthman gave the opening prayer.
- (3) Treasurer C. S. Lee gave a financial update.

CHURCH-WIDE INTEREST SURVEY

Elaine Coleman and Lou Kirkman, Congregational Care Co-Chairs, reported as follows:

- (1) Surveys will be distributed in adult Sunday School classes.
- (2) A collection box will be placed in the Atrium.
- (3) At a later date, the Survey will be posted on the Church website.

REPORT FROM THE JOEL COMMITTEE AND *Connecting-Building-Sending* DISCUSSIONS

Sue Phelps of the Joel Committee reported as follows:

- (1) Twenty years ago, Committee researched, took vision from study, and set in motion in 1991 our current Day Care Program, Recreation Program, and Famber Hall.
- (2) Current Joel Committee observed need as people needs – missions, making Disciples of Christ.
- (3) How do we evaluate how well we are doing?
- (4) How do we know when we have reached goal?
- (5) ICON was selected for CBS (*Connecting-Building-Sending*) – reminder of how we are going to improve discipleship.
- (6) ICON: 3 puzzle pieces – connected circles – can be working in 1, 2, or all 3 areas at the same time.
- (7) At the March Retreat, we worked on *Connecting*.

Important items that came from discussion of the *Building* stage of our CBS plan:

- (1) College-age youth (could include younger youth and children).
- (2) Check on previous Confirmation classes. Are they attending? Are they active?
- (3) Are the parents (of Wednesday night youth) attending?
- (4) Accountability for Church attendance.
- (5) Clarify our membership expectations in regard to attendance, excellence, and quality.
- (6) What are our “Church knowledge” expectations? (i.e., Disciple classes).
- (7) Need for a grief support group.
- (8) Small group availability and participation.
- (9) Dinner gatherings with new people.
- (10) Celebrate and Communicate what we are doing.
- (11) Database of available people with knowledge and abilities.

After Council was asked to rate the above items, four areas emerged as receiving the highest number of points and therefore thought to deserve our highest attention:

- > College-age youth
- > Accountability for Church attendance
- > Small group availability and participation
- > Celebrate and Communicate what we are doing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Roan. Reminder: Church Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Rev. Robyn Lindsey. *Concerns:* (a) Maxine Walker is in the hospital and has had a very rough time; also, Maxine's sister died and Maxine will not be able to attend the funeral; (b) Paula Gregg is at Emory and has had surgery on her esophagus; (c) Holly Dennard (Helen Dennard's granddaughter) has just had a third sibling to die.

Jan Byrum. Jan reported that children's Sunday School desperately needs volunteers to teach during May in the areas of Computer, Games, Storytelling.

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

- (1) Next meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 a.m.
- (2) Rev. Robin Lindsey gave a closing prayer.
- (3) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Elaine Coleman
and Diane Neuls