

First United Methodist Church-Deming, NM

Administrative Council Meeting

January 12, 2010

Call to Order- Chairperson Vicki Hofacket called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. There were nineteen members in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their ministry title. Mike Hofacket gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mike Hofacket moved to accept them. The motion was seconded by Dick Huffman.

Year in Review

Kathryn Deitz did an awesome job with the welcoming notebook. . We have a certificate that would be nice to have presented to the congregation, during both services. We will have to reapply next year to get certified again. Jack will add the certificate to the web site for all to see.

UMW & UMM both sponsored the shepherds run. This involved filling baskets with Bread, cookies, and tea and cider bags, cocoa pouches. A card that has the service and Sunday school information on it was included. Special thanks to Eleanor Fuller for the awesome job of coordinating this. And also to the UMM for delivering the baskets on Christmas Eve.

There were over 100 baskets delivered. With an abundance of thank yous for thinking of us from all who received them. Here is a small example of who received the baskets: Police and fire departments, Sherriff department, Border Patrol check point, Detention Center, Healing House, Hospital staff, EMT's, and many more. Rosalee Gillett and Elmer Veeder will supply details to Claire, so she can write up an article for the Interpreter, Reporter, and to Jack for the Newsletter.

It was great to see the article for the Fall Festival that Claire submitted to the Reporter. It was on the front page of the November issue.

Olan Mills Church directory is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday October 20, thru Saturday October 23. More details to follow as Claire gets the information in.

FUMC and Love Inc. hosted the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner. There were lots of volunteers for cooking, set up, and serving. The dinner was for anyone who wanted to come eat, or just to visit and pray. This was a community event that involved several churches and groups. Very thankful for all that contributed.

Looking Ahead

Missions Fair- Vicki asked Mission to host the fair again for this year. Posters are preferred because we can hang them up for other events throughout the year.

Volunteer Thank You Dinner- Barbara Walsh is going to ask Missions to host this again in spring and early fall. They need to have two to cover all whom they want to invite.

Blue Christmas will be coordinated by Beth Simpson. This is a service for anyone whom has lost a loved one during the Holiday season.

Deming Light Parade – FUMC Float

Courtney who is a senior this year is willing to help with the float. She is very artistic and also belongs to the youth group. Need to have a committee chair for this and volunteers.

5 practices of a fruitful congregation- Some of the goals for 2010 are: New members, activities for everyone. Please think of strengths and weaknesses that will be discussed at the next ad council meeting.

Budget for 2010- Report given by Wendell Hutchison on the proposed 2010 Budget. New line items that were added are Advertising (Billboard sign, Yellow Pages, etc.) and Evangelism. Expenses were met and program money was available as needed. Open discussion followed. Motion to accept the budget for 2010 by Jack Galbraith, seconded by Cheryl Kaye Dodson, motion passed.

Web Master-Jack Galbraith the minutes of all the committees are now available on the FUMC website. They need to be sent to Jack on a timelier basis.

Advertising- Billboard Sign from Lamar Signs- Mike Hofacket reported that the contract for the sign expired this month. It is \$300 per month, if we decide to change any wording etc. the set up fee will have to be paid again. The sign cannot have any lights due to the Night Sky Act. Barbara Walsh reported that a couple came to church because of the sign. Motion to keep the billboard as is and renew the contract by Elmer Veeder, seconded by Kathryn Deitz. The motion passed.

Vicki noted that we should make sure our name is listed in free papers that are given out locally.

Music Ministry

Sarah Williams shared her vision for worship with the choir and asked them to join her on focusing how they can be ministers and minister to others. Soul Kids has an attendance of eighteen children now, this is due to word of mouth. There will be three one act plays with a show coming in May on a Saturday. A reception will follow. First Call for high school will start on Thursday. DPAT will sponsor them for a performance the last weekend in April at Morgan Hall. There will be an admission fee of \$5 to raise money for First Call. Tentative fund raiser for February is in the planning stages. Jewelry and a Tea luncheon for couples or singles are scheduled. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the jewelry sale would go to the music ministry for Community Ministries.

Staff Reports

Assistant Pastor- Beth Simpson

Christmas caroling went well. I will try to plan for next year to get the kids and youth more involved. They could not this year due to scheduling conflicts. Seven homes were blessed this year. Sunday hospitality went well for 2009. Hospitality Sundays has a new signup sheet on the counter in the fellowship hall. We have a new Sunday school class starting on January 3rd. Their study will be on the Rob Bell Video's. Chrysalis is the weekend of 15th thru 17th. Prayers are requested for safe travel. January 31st service will be given by Beth Simpson.

Secretary- Claire Phillips Orate

The EDE packages have been passed out. It is strongly recommended that you attend a workshop or two. Workshops for worship are plentiful this year. We would like to send in one big registration from the church.

Funding balance reports are due from UMM, UMW, and Trustees. Need to have them turned in ASAP, so they can be added by the end of the month for conference.

Communicate and celebrate what's going on in the church in print, newsletter, at Sunday services on the big screen. Articles on activities can be written up and submitted to Claire, who can submit them to the Reporter, Deming Headlight, etc.

Fall festival was on the front page of the reporter, a few months ago, nice to see in print what has happened at the church.

Pastor- Keath Baskett

Thank you to this year and last year's worship committee for the hanging and unhangings of the greens. Marguerite Benedict was the oldest and longest member of our church passed away. She was one of the houses that the carolers went to and she was up for that. Funeral went well. Christmas Eve service was great and thanks to all whom participated.

Sunday's call to Christ, a couple asked to join, during fellowship time. This resulted in two professions of faith which is more than most churches get. Four people joined without solicitation other than attending. Very moving to see and be able to witness that. Several people at end of second service indicated an interest in joining the church. Attendance is up for second service, our more traditional service, and more children are coming. Keath encourage us to connect with those from other services during fellowship time and Sunday school.

Encouraged all to go to EDE; pastors have to report on education at conference. Invite someone else to go with you and to set a good example. Lenten season is coming up the series will be Adam Hamilton's study "24 hours that changed the world." And a short sermon series on Rethinking Church. Rethink Church can help us think about why we come and about those who don't attend. The average age of the youth that attends our church 16 to 18 years old. The next age group is 35 years old and up. Questions to ask ourselves, how do we get more people to attend?

The memorial gift for the music department is greatly appreciated. Christmas dinner went well, they served enchiladas, tamales, Mexican Christmas soup, tortillas, and salad. Twelve to go dinners were given to Murray and me to take to the homeless. They were delivered to migrant workers, who were very thankful and happy to be remembered.

Webmaster- Jack Galbraith suggested that we stress the series of webinars available on United Methodist Communications site. They can be found on line at UMcom.org or there are links on the FUMC website. Questions to think about: Should a church have a marketing and communications plan?

The next ad council meeting will be Tuesday February 09, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. Rev. Keath Baskett gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully,

Mary Adams

Secretary