

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – DEMING, NM  
Administrative Council Minutes  
Meeting of March 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Vicki Hofacket. Mike Hofacket gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A correction was made to the 2010 budget figure, which should have read \$352,627.00. Don Cameron moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Wendell Hutchison seconded the motion which carried.

Music Ministry – Sarah Williams reported on Holy Week activities: S.O.U.L. Kids singing in both services on Palm Sunday and performing the Living Last Supper, First Call providing music for Good Friday, both adult choirs and the handbells performing Easter Sunday, Juan Gonzales playing trumpet on Easter Sunday plus S.O.U.L. Kids and First Call working on an evening of one act plays to be performed April 24<sup>th</sup> at Morgan Hall.

#### Committee Reports

UMW – Rosalee Gillett noted the new tables and chairs have arrived. Jo Kruger was thanked for her persistence about new chairs for the Fellowship Hall.

SPRC – Don Cameron report there will be a meeting on Thursday night (March 11). The issue of a second worker in the nursery has been addressed.

UMM – Dick Huffman noted the men will provide 16 food boxes for Easter in lieu of a community dinner. The men will have a smoked meat sale, with the roasts being cooked on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and available for pick-up the following morning.

Finance – There was a question about how Shared Ministries from the designated account is reported. Claire will discuss this with Sally. The Finance Committee will meet one week later in April, on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations and Lay Leadership – Keath Baskett reported Barbara Walsh has resigned as Missions Chairperson. The committee has asked Ed Kemp to fill that position. Elmer Veeder moved to affirm Ed Kemp as Missions Chair. Dick Huffman seconded the motion which passed. Keath further reported on a question regarding a possible open slot on the SPRC, noting the committee makeup corresponding with the Book of Discipline requirements. He reported that Evangelism is a new committee. Don Cameron, John Cornfoot, Eleanor Fuller, Will Shafer and Kelley Paulk have been suggested as members. Mike Hofacket so moved. Kathryn Deitz seconded the motion which passed.

#### Old Business

Vicki requested feedback on the three questions asked at the last meeting. There was no feedback, however, it was noted our senior high group is one thing we do well. The UMW reported they do fund raising well. They could do better at finding new/younger members, noting that Missions is what defines the UMW. Vicki requested everyone keep asking these questions in their groups.

Shoe Ministry – In inquiring about starting a shoe ministry, it was noted the school has a very limited shoe closet. Eyeglasses are also an issue. The Lions Club does provide glasses for those in need, but schools are unable to refer children without parental involvement due to HIPPA laws. An eyeglasses ministry will be kept in mind as a future program.

FCA Event – Mike Hofacket will talk to Jerome Sandoval about the church hosting an FCA event to which other students could be invited. This could be recurring in the future.

### New Business

Senior Breakfast – Tamara Hurt and Candie Sweeter will head this. The Hutchisons and Pettits are junior parents. Cheryl Kae Dodson will contact Candie to set a date as soon as possible.

Red Cross Shelter Agreement – We have a shelter agreement with the American Red Cross. The agreements are to be renewed every five years. Elmer Veeder moved to approve the agreement, pending review by the Trustees. Wendell Hutchison seconded the agreement which passed after discussion. Kathryn Deitz will give the agreement to Duke to present at the next Trustees meeting.

Change the World April 24, 25 – Ideas discussed included inviting high school youth to lunch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All committees and work areas are invited to submit ideas. Mary Adams has volunteered to help with a meal for the high school. Mike Hofacket will check the school website to assure there will be school that day.

### Staff Reports

Assistant to the Pastor – Beth Simpson reported on members she has been visiting. She took two mid-hi youth to ROC camp. She will coordinate camp registrations this summer. Her goal is to get registrations in early. Ad Council members can help by identifying and encouraging youth to attend, and also support fund raising efforts, such as Cans for Camp. If 100 pounds of cans are turned in, we get more per pound. It was noted that Cans for Camp can only take beverage cans, not other types of aluminum.

Secretary – Claire Phillips discussed ways to save paper for reports. Ad Council members will be asked to bring their minutes to meetings. A suggestion was made to send reports in rich text or other format rather than PDF.

Pastor – Keath Baskett noted he is leading an Adam Hamilton study for Wednesday Night Live. Most of the extra companion devotional books ordered for this study are gone, with good reports being received on it. Keath is looking at confirmation plans, including trying to attend the conference event in Las Cruces in May. During their recent retreat, staff looked at goals and plans for the year, as well as job descriptions. The church is hosting the Ministerial Fellowship tomorrow (March 10).

There will be a worship meeting to finalize plans for Jesus in the Passover to be presented Palm Sunday at 5 pm. Everyone was encouraged to attend and invite others. After further discussion, it was agreed to refer the shoe ministry to the Missions Committee.

The next meeting will be April 13. Keath closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Phillips  
Acting Secretary