

First United Methodist Church-Deming, NM
Church Council Meeting
January 11, 2012

Call to Order - Chairperson Vicki Hofacket called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. There were sixteen members in attendance. Pastor Ernie Vineyard gave the opening prayer.

Music Ministry - Sarah Williams. All is going well, 2011 was a banner year. New music has been ordered for Easter services. Soul kids started back up for the New Year, attendance is still approximately 22 children. We are working on our new play, and the children got to pick a number from Godspell to use for it. On Sunday November 18 at 7 pm, the Blackwood Quartet will be performing in the sanctuary.

Minutes of Last Meeting - The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jack Galbraith moved to accept them. The motion was seconded by Wendell Hutchison. Minutes were approved.

Introductions & Training - Pastor Ernie Vineyard stressed points from the committee training worksheet. Prayer, Respect, teamwork, and vision in planning and work were some of the topics. Staying connected and being respectful to one another.

Old Business

Welcoming Certification - Claire Phillips has asked UMC.org if the church's welcoming certificate can be extended to 2012 since the church was so long in waiting for a response back. The certification process has changed since 2011, and requires interactive web site responses. It was recommended that we have a subcommittee for the welcoming certificate. Vicki Hofacket will ask Kathryn Deitz if she would be in charge of this subcommittee. At the request of Vicki Hofacket, Pastor Ernie Vineyard will do another hospitality seminar. Dates and times will be determined later.

New Business

Equipping Disciples for Excellence – EDE will be held at Trinity-First United Methodist Church in El Paso on January 28th from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Many workshops are available; the brochures are in the office. The church will pay the registration fee for anyone who wants to go.

Committee Reports

Web Master - Jack Galbraith reported the need to get information from all church committees need on a regular basis so that our web site will have up to date information about projects and upcoming events. The more information he has, the more informative and up to date the church web site will be.

Jr.High Youth Group - April Gallagher

Clarie Phillips gave the report for the youth group. \$1300 was raised at the spaghetti dinner/silent auction. The Rock and Worship Road Show will be in Las Cruces on Sunday February 12 at the Pan Am Center. The youth plan on attending. They need to have one more fund raiser for their ski trip.

Finance - Wendell Hutchison

The committee has formed an audit committee for the yearly audit of the financial records for all groups. Wendell presented motions from the finance committee for approval.

1. The primary purpose of the "Future Purposes" line item under "Designated-Other Funds," on the December 2011 Finance Report, is to pay the church insurance. The Finance Committee recommends money continue to be accumulated in this line item. The motion passed.
2. Finance moved to transfer the following money from the Designated account to the Trustees account (at 1st New Mexico Bank), with the note that these be earmarked for capital projects: \$5,445.00 from the "Gottschalk Gift" and \$9,700.00 from "Set aside/AC" line items. It was noted the trustees should maintain these funds. The motion passed.
3. There is an excess of money in the "Future Purposes" line items (for building insurance). Finance recommends that \$5000 be moved to the Trustees account, to be applied to the balance on the Riso Copier loan. The vote passed.

Missions - The missions committee has been given a list of ideas to use for the Community Fund. They are stressing that people should also be involved, not just a list of money ideas. The amount raised is \$31,396.68.

Evangelism - The "You are invited" program had a positive result. Volunteers helped deliver 500 invitations to the community; a light supper was served afterwards. Thank you to Pat Porcher, Mary Adams and Nick and Elsie Necochea for the dinner. Thank you to all who helped stuff the bags and who came to help deliver them.

UMM - Juan Gonzales reported that the UMM gave donations to the Shoes for Kids through the Deming Chamber of Commerce, Home Repair fund, Easter & Thanksgiving Baskets. Four scholarships were given out to high school seniors. A donation was given to the Mission committee. UMM provided the dinner for the last day of VBS. Big thanks to all who helped with the BBQ this year.

UMW - Eleanor Fuller reported that 130 baskets were delivered this year for the "Sheppard's Run". New officers have been elected and the rummage sale for February is under way.

Staff Reports

Assistant to the Pastor – Beth Simpson: Members of the congregation and both youth groups went caroling last year, going to nine different homes. A meal was served after caroling and great fun was had by all. We are still in need of communion servers for the home bound, if you know of anyone, please have them contact Beth at the office. R.O.C (Rhythm of Christ) is coming up soon. This youth camp will be held at Sacramento Methodist Assembly March 2-4. The camp is put on by NMSU Wesley students. The registration deadline is February 13th. After that, a late fee will be added. The information is posted on the bulletin boards by the office and sanctuary.

Secretary – Claire Phillips: E.D.E. information packets are available in the office. The office is working on End of Year reports.

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday February 7th at 5:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm and Wendell Hutchison gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Adams
Secretary