

GUMC Church Council Meeting

February 16, 2011

Those present: Mike & Linda Hay, Nancy Nickels, Larry Gourley, Dede Gray, Pam Reed, Laura Thayer, Joan Crice, Arlene Larison, Jim Hill, Bob Seborer, Vicky Allen, Barb Stout, Ruth Bruns, Brian & Lynn Wanless, Pat Beeman

Chairperson Larry Gourley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Pastor Pat led the group in a short prayer and the committees were dismissed to do their work and instructed to return to council at 6 p.m.

When all were gathered back together the mission statement was read. The minutes of January 19th council meeting were approved as written. The calendar was reviewed and several additions were made.

Pat explained a flyer she passed out about the All Church Retreat to be held April 1 & 2 at Brooks Park Retreat Center. Jim and Nancy Davis will lead the group in activities to explore our core values and purpose. What could/should we look like in 10 years? How do we get there? What roadblocks might we encounter on our journey and how do we deal with them? All are encouraged to come and participate in the fun. Stay all night. Enjoy the fellowship. Eat the Food!! You can even bring your camper/trailer and stay across the road at Brooks Park. MORE INFO LATER!!

Trustees: Much work to be done on a continuing basis. The screen door at the parsonage will be replaced thanks to Dede Gray and the Reed family will install it. More at the next meeting. Our thoughts were with Dwayne attending a family funeral, and Gary Kirkes who has not been feeling well.

Christ The King Lutheran Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner/fundraiser will be on March 8 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at their church. We need to support our fellow Lutherans. Some of the proceeds will go to help the Back Pack Program.

Thanks to Dede Gray, Linda Carter-Gray, Pastor Pat and Claudine Wade for making the Fellowship Hall look absolutely festive for Valentine's Day. Be sure to read the article in this week's Sentinel about the breakfast written by Becky Gourley. The new tablecloths Dede purchased are a stunning red and white!

The bags for Dr. Ogden's mission trip appear to be well stocked. One gallon size zip lock bags are needed and in the near future an inventory will be taken so any missing items can be purchased. Then the bags will be packed and delivered to Dr. Ogden.

United Methodist Men are up and running. Their Valentine Breakfast made \$160 which is being given to the Worship Area for banners, publicity, etc. Thanks to Mike and Linda Hay for donating a good portion of the remaining food items needed to cook the breakfast.

Spirit Salon continues. A Lenten Bible Study will begin on Ash Wednesday entitled "Like Living Stones".

The Ash Wednesday Service will be a Taize service and will begin at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 9th. Following the service the Lenten Bible Study will have its first session.

The worship committee has made a decision about an Easter Banner. Some plans are being made to publicize the Easter service. There will be one service at 10 a.m. Pam Reed reported plans for radio announcements, reader board announcement, and something to go in the Sentinel.

A quick review of UMW Sunday plans and meeting plans for February and March was covered under UMW.

Finances seem to be on solid ground at the moment. Apportionments have been paid for January and February.

Door prizes were given away throughout the evening. Bob Seborer, Pam Reed, Brian Wanless, Barb Stout and Larry Gourley were the lucky winners!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Wanless
Acting Secretary