

Goldendale United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
July 20, 2011

Present: Pastor Ben Moore, Inez Freeman, Barbara Fridley, Dede Gray, Linda Hay, Mike Hay, Loren Johnson, Arlene Larison, Pam Reed, Bob Seborer, Mary Shane, Barbara Stout, Dave VanDerDoes, Brian Wanless, Lynn Wanless, Dwayne Williams.

Mike Hay opened the meeting at 5:35, members read the Mission Statement and the church's "New Vision." Council split for committee meetings, followed by Pastor Ben's devotion. Its reminder: all agree that the church must move forward but the challenge is to identify the forward direction.

The June 15 minutes were reviewed. Linda/Pam m/s they be approved as written. Passed. Changes were made to the August calendar, including Pam's announcement that she will schedule a sorting and cleaning day before the August 27 Parking Lot Sale and Lynn, that UMW will sew valances for the Lazy F Methodist Camp and Retreat Center one day in August.

Committee Reports

Trustees. Dwayne reported that most of molding in Fellowship Room has been replaced and that much work on the parsonage has been completed (new linoleum in the laundry room, kitchen, dining room; bad spots in floor fixed; hardwood floors sanded and finished; new hot water tank). Yet to be done: heating system and utility room sink, possibly kitchen sink. Dede Gray has paid for new storm doors and their paint (\$333) and will apply the remainder to the sinks. Dwayne said that outside doors will need eventual replacement, to be considered when new windows are installed. Dwayne asked who's responsible for parsonage lawn care. Answer: Pastor. Dwayne also mentioned the need for a back door screen at the church and removal of dirt along the church parking lot.

Pam suggested that an informational reference book be kept with the parsonage, to include maintenance schedule, paint colors, appliance manuals, etc. and that some kind of written agreement between the pastor and congregation be formalized. It should state who's responsible for what and include a list of whom-to-call when problems arise. Pam iterated the need for a once-a-year "walk through" so that current conditions are noted accurately.

Missions. Linda said she will empty and clean the Summer Snacks Room and keep leftover food for the Back Packs for Kids program. Summer Snacks will continue twice a week till August 20; it has served an average 15-20 children every Thursday-Friday. It was also mentioned that leftover sandwiches go to children at Georgeville and that jackets will go to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Brian reported the Back Packs program had received \$4250.00 from United Way.

The ongoing Soup Kitchen program operates on approximately \$150 a month (\$35 monthly, \$250 quarterly) and occasional generous donations from an anonymous donor. Rarely, Lynn must seek additional food donations. Linda asked if the Council would give permission for Lynn to use Mission funds as a last resort if the food stock needs replenishing. Linda/Mary m/s. Approved. (Note: UMC operates the Soup Kitchen the third Tuesday every month. Mary will see that UMW cooks August 30, an extra Tuesday in the month.)

Committee will think about Back to School Supplies program.

Educational Ministries. Sunday morning classes continue, Spirit Salon will not meet again till September. Barbara said volunteers are still needed for Vacation Bible School at Christ the King Lutheran Church; she is helping with snacks but would like an assistant. Arlene and Joan Crice are slated to paint some kind of background but Arlene hasn't been told where. Arlene or Barbara will contact Linda Quinn or Shirley Case to get more information. Ben suggested that the coordinator can give volunteers the Vacation Bible School's specific needs.

Worship. August 6 is a Communion Sunday, which Claudine prepares.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach. Dave asked for input on banners, signs, murals that could be located in the Fellowship Hall and would "market" GUMC to all groups using the basement. Linda warned that the signs need to be movable. Dave also requested opinions about starting some form of entertainment night at GUMC. He is asked to form a committee and present ideas and plans for both these activities.

UMW. Other than sewing curtains and Barbara and Carol Schoot's attendance at the Christian School of Missions in Ellensburg, UMW is taking a summer break.

UMM. Men will meet August 6 to discuss their next painting project.

Administrative/Finance. Apportionments have been paid through June. Main topic: a new heat source for the parsonage. A 3-unit, ductless heat pump-type system has been selected, which has PUD approval, eventually giving GUMC a \$1200 rebate. This heat system, as well as remaining work on the parsonage, means the church is short \$7000. Mike and Brian explained that GUMC has an endowment fund, of which interest is invested as a hedge against inflation. It garners approximately \$1400 a month, which is usually operating money that goes into GUMC's annual budget. But now, Mike proposed that the accumulated interest, \$7000.00, could be used to finish parsonage repairs. Barbara/Dede m/s. Approved. Brian will contact Floyd of Mid-Columbia Heating & Refrigeration, low bidder, for specifics on needed electrical work for the heating system.

Staff Parish Relations. Barbara announced that Ben and Claudia will be gone between August 7-15 and the committee will find a pulpit replacement for August 14.

Good of the Order. No August Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Date and time of next meeting: September 21, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Inez Freeman
Secretary