

GUMC Church Council Minutes
March 16, 2011

Present: Vicky Allen, Ervin Anderson, Pat Beeman, Ruth Bruns, Ann Chaffee, Inez Freeman, Barbara Fridley, Linda Hay, Mike Hay, Larry Gourley, Dede Gray, Arlene Larison, Nancy Nickels, Pam Reed, Bob Seborer, Mary Shane, Barb Stout, Brian Wanless, Lynn Wanless

Pat Beeman opened the meeting at 5:35 with a prayer. She announced that the Seven Rivers District and Bishop Hagiya had called her to a new appointment at the Sunnyside United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2011. Barbara Fridley shared Mary Huycke's letter detailing the appointment. GUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet with District Superintendent, Mary Huycke, next week to review the procedures for finding a new minister.

Council separated for committee meetings and returned at 6:15 for their reports. Before presenting them, the Council read the Mission Statement, approved February 16 minutes as corrected, and reviewed the calendar. Dates of UMW and Taize meetings were changed, plans for the April 1-2 Retreat were clarified.

PROGRAM AREAS

Trustees. Dwayne Williams cited estimates for east entry door replacement at \$4139.83 and the addition of a bi-level water cooler at \$799.00. He reported that kitchen faucets had been replaced for \$228.00. Basement improvements are continuing. Future projects may be needed at the parsonage, including concrete work.

Missions/Outreach. Linda Hay said that kits for Dr. Ogden will be packed on Monday, March 21, at 9:00 am. A shortage of Hot Wheels cars might be replaced by items on hand, though the former may be donated by Dwayne. Linda/Mary Shane m/s that \$500.00 be earmarked for UMCOR Relief for Japan (Pacific Emergency #3021317). Approved unanimously. Linda added that voluntary additions might increase the total.

Educational Ministries. Pat summarized some programs. Adult Sunday Schools are continuing the PBS series, "God in America;" Spirit Salon is plowing through "In The Sanctuary of Women", and the Lenten Bible Study holds its second of five sessions at 6:30, Wednesday, March 23. Pat stated that GUMC will be the site for this year's Vacation Bible School, for which \$104.00 is designated. Rachel Williams will be involved as long as the school does not conflict with soccer and Susan Shipman from the Lutheran Church and others will assist.

Worship Committee. No committee meeting, although Pat said there will be one Easter service at 10:00 a.m. but, because the Goldendale Ministerial Association expressed no interest in a joint service, no sunrise gathering. A Good Friday Brown Bag Concert at noon, April 22, will include music by Lou Marzeles and the Wall Family singers. "One Great Hour of Sharing" on April 3 will have donation envelopes available.

Pat requested that all Council members check for TFWS and red hymnals at home; these are in short supply in the sanctuary and chapel.

UMW. Mary outlined the March Madness activities at the Wesley Methodist Church in Yakima for March 19: Daryl Olson will speak; the group will assemble layette and health kits. Mary

announced that UMW will meet, April 18, at 10:00 am. Barbara will present a program on social justice. No potluck, snacks instead.

SPR. Barbara explained that the District Superintendent will meet with Staff Parish Relations Committee at GUMC either March 23 or 24 before the Vision Retreat. He will outline the procedure for selecting a pastor.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance. Brian clarified the budget report: Anticipated income for January 1 – February 28: \$7000, expenses \$8210.00. Apportionments for the first two months have been paid but they have not been paid for April. Brian expressed a concern for possible financial problems in the future—reduced income, unchanging or possibly increasing expenses. Mike wondered if GUMC should consider a part-time pastor.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pat made several announcements. The Ministerial Association has \$500.00 on hand, has expended \$200.00 for motel bills in the Hand Up Program. Coupons for Lifeline AutoAlert have been donated by Carmon Bryan. In a written request, Ryan Tuor solicited help tracking down equipment stolen from his work site.

Cub Scouts have requested use of GUMC's parking lot for a Bike Rodeo, Saturday, April 16. Though the organization may opt for the larger site at the Columbus Avenue LDS Church, Mike/Brian m/s that the parking lot be available if the Scouts chose this central location. Approved unanimously.

Pregnancy Resources is holding a fund-raising jewelry sale at the Southern Baptist Church on Columbus Avenue, Friday, March 18.

The Soup Kitchen needs more money. Linda suggested a possible Community Soup Dinner or a silent auction as a fund raiser. The Lutheran Thrivent Institute can match up to \$800.00 for whatever money-raising activity may be chosen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez Freeman
Secretary