

Goldendale United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
May 18, 2011

Present: Pat Beeman, Joan Crice, Inez Freeman, Barbara Fridley, Linda Hay, Mike Hay, Larry Gourley, Dede Gray, Pam Reed, Bob Seborer, Mary Shane, Barbara Stout, Brian Wanless, Lynn Wanless, Dwayne Williams

Larry Gourley opened the meeting at 5:40 with a prayer. Council adjourned immediately for committee meetings and met again at 6:00. Members read the Mission Statement and the church's "New Vision—experiencing and sharing God's love." Before hearing committee reports, Brian and Lynn Wanless gave a PowerPoint presentation and commentary about the April 1-2 retreat at the Environmental Learning Center, Brooks Park, "In the Company of Fools." Conclusions: the retreat was "fun and hard work" and it identified 2011 and 2012 church goals and challenges, what "is reasonably predictable for the church."

Council approved April 20 minutes as corrected, reviewed the June calendar and submitted additions.

PROGRAM AREAS

Trustees. Dwayne Williams reported that basement lights had been repaired and that the trim in the fellowship hall has been purchased. He reiterated the need for floor repairs in the parsonage (water underneath) and said other work in the house will probably need to be completed before the new pastor's arrival. He identified May 26 as a work-day in the church.

Missions/Outreach. Linda Hay stated she obtained a \$4000.00 check from the Legends Casino, which will help fund Backpacks for Kids. She also received a check for \$3261.00 from Lutheran Church fund raising activities (including matching funds), which will finance the Summer Snacks Program.

Educational Ministries. Pat summarized some activities. Adult Sunday Schools: one group continues their discussion of *Love Wins*, the Gosney group will begin a special study of *Luke*. Spirit Salon will start a 6-week session on June 2, "Knowing God," before taking a summer break. Helpers are needed for Vacation Bible School, August 1-5 at the Lutheran Church. A planning meeting is scheduled at 4:00 pm, May 25, at the Lutheran Church.

Worship Committee. The church choir will take its summer break after June 12. A sign up sheet is in the narthex for special summer music. Pam Reed shared her appreciation of the many Easter flowers given for the April 24 service and hopes this observance will continue.

OUTREACH. After witnessing the pleasure Helen Hill derived from her visit, Joan Crites encouraged people to visit more shut-in's. Linda voiced a concern about the steep ramp up which Carmen Bryan has to push Alan's wheelchair.

UMW. Mary Shane announced there will be no meetings after the June 13 barbeque at Mike and Linda Hays until September. She described the program, “Trafficking” by Ann Eachus, which was shared with Soroptomists and Yakima women, as “a big success.” The Lazy F Stitch Group will spend a day sewing curtains at camp, June 20 or 21. Lynn will check with Dave at Lazy F to finalize a day to go do the work. Mary Shane provided information about Cooperative School of Christian Missions in Ellensburg this summer.

UMM. Breakfast at Sodbuster’s, Saturday, June 4, at 8:00 am.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance. Brian Wanless stated that apportionments are paid through May.

SPR. Transition plans for Ben and Claudia Moore’s arrival are unknown at this time. Pat said she and other new pastors have attended a workshop for churches in transition. Council members suggested welcome meals for the Moore’s and that a biography with picture be printed in *The Goldendale Sentinel*.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pam Reed said that garage sale items will be stored in the Yoga Room and that big items can be picked up/delivered early on Saturday, June 4. Prices will be reduced the last hour of the sale and items that don’t sell will be given to Goodwill Industries. Pam will contact and organize volunteers. Pricing will be done on Friday, June 3. It was suggested that Brian prepare a radio announcement.

Sami Nickels, requested financial assistance for her enrollment in the business program at Central Washington University. Barbara Stout/Linda m/s. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez Freeman
Secretary