

Goldendale United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
November 9, 2011

Present: Pastor Ben Moore, Vicky Allen, Ruth Bruns, Ann Chaffee, Joan Crice, Inez Freeman, Barbara Fridley, Teresa Fridley, Sharon Gangwish, Larry Gourley, Nancy Nickels, Barbara Stout, Dave Van Der Does, Brian Wanless, Lynn Wanless, Dwayne Williams.

After Larry Gourley opened the meeting at 5:35, Pastor Ben shared a brief opening devotion and council members read the Mission Statement and "New Vision." The group then split into program area meetings.

Charge Conference minutes of October 13 and the December calendar were reviewed after Council's return.

Program Area Reports

Trustees. Dwayne reported that no bike rack with 5-6 slots, needed chiefly for Soup Kitchen attendees, had yet been located. He announced that no Work Days are scheduled for November or December.

A sign up sheet for transporting garbage and recycling bags to the Transfer Center at least twice a month was passed around. One pickup load usually costs \$5.18. Vicky Allen offered to help Brian; others may also assist occasionally.

Missions. Joan Crice represented the committee, stating that Heifer International will receive the holiday Alternate Gift Giving. She learned that the Mission Fund now contains approximately \$400.00.

Educational Ministries. Six GUMC members will attend a Congregational Leadership Development (CLD) series of six sessions in The Dalles, beginning November 20. One benefit will be developing good working relationships among Methodist and Lutheran congregations in the Columbia Gorge.

Ann reported that the Bible study classes, often seasonally-related, continue under the leadership of Ray and Mary Gosney. Videos are often included. The alternate Sunday morning class is reading and discussing *Unlearning Church* by Michael Slaughter. No one was present to report on Spirit Salon.

GUMC will be responsible for the 2012 Vacation Bible School. Pastor Ben proposed that Twinlow Camp's traveling Day Camp be considered. It usually consists of three staff members/leaders and curriculum packages. A major obstacle might be the cost, \$1200 for a week, so fund raising would be required but that would be offset by having a young, energetic and experienced staff oversee the week's activities. Barbara Fridley asked what deadline might need to be met if GUMC chose this option. "Probably February," answered Ben. Lynn informed the Council that Educational Ministries has no money at present. Fund raising ideas were presented: encourage some parishioners to earmark their Sunday donations, place a piggy bank at the back of the sanctuary, ask if the Lutheran Church would pay a \$140-\$150 share. Barbara F/Teresa m/s that GUMC begin the piggy bank immediately, as part of the effort to raise \$1200. Approved.

Larry summarized the Kids Camp at the Goldendale Primary School cafeteria. It is an after school program that operates from school dismissal till 5:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, for

Kindergarteners – 4th Grade. Under Larry's leadership, responsibility for Kids Camp will be undertaken by GUMC beginning January 3, 2012. An estimated thirty children are expected to participate. Larry is setting up a calendar with varied activities, which will be managed by him and several volunteers.

Worship. Teresa first asked for someone to refill sanctuary candles as needed. Vicky volunteered. Teresa then voiced the need for an individual to act as chairman during her December, January, February absence. No one named.

The committee plans to have Advent candles at church services starting November 27. It is also scheduling a soup lunch after church, December 4, to be followed by a "Hanging of the Greens." Teresa will contact Linda Carter and Dede Gray to see if they will continue to help decorate the sanctuary for the Yule season. UMC agreed to prepare the lunch. Teresa hopes to have Christmas music on the church chimes for the preceding two weeks. Inez and Ruth agreed to play.

In addition to the Holiday Schedules and Activities listed on the Council Agenda, Barbara Stout reminded council members that the Christmas Cantata will sing at the Maryhill Winery, December 17, probably 1:00 or 2:00 p.m.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach. Dave encouraged members to offer ideas for small group meetings, to which both church and community members might be invited. One idea, a 6-week series during Lent. Barbara S. said that GUMC had joined the Lutheran Church in this type of study in the past.

UMW. The church bazaar will be November 19, 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. Lynn will call Dr. Ogden and check with Mary Shane for the UMW meeting next month, possibly December 10.

UMM. Men will meet November 12 and December 3, 8:00 am, at Sodbuster's.

Administrative/Finance. Apportionments have been paid through November. For 2012, Brian stated that Pastor Compensation had been adopted by the Trustees and will be approved by the District. Also, a pay increase for the custodian was requested (\$9.45/hr to \$10/hr). Barbara F, Teresa m/s the raise; approved. Brian asked that approximately \$200 be transferred from the \$2000+ Scholarship Fund to CLD; Ruth/Teresa m/s the transfer; approved. The Finance Committee requested that the 2012 Budget be adopted; Barbara F/Nancy m/s the adoption; approved.

Staff Parish Relations. Nancy expressed a need for names to fill the child care opening during the 10:30 am Sunday service, a paid position. Madi Wallace's name was offered.

Good of the Order. Larry asked if the Council might change its meeting date to the first Wednesday of each month. Brian said GUMC's Financial Report would be more accurate at the beginning of the month than in mid-month. Barbara F/Teresa m/s that the change be made; approved. The next meeting will be December 7.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez Freeman
Secretary