

Goldendale United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Sept. 21, 2011

Pastor Ben opened the meeting with a video introducing his son Michael, and titled, "Are You Waiting for A Miracle? Or Will You Just Pull The Plug?" The video prompted discussion about how we can use the media to attract folks (specifically younger folks) to the church. After some discussion Pastor Ben's question was how do we plug these ideas into our Vision for this church? There needs to be a possible group within this church to work on this vision. More on this later.

Special guests to our council, Ava VanVelsor and Susan Kerr from WSU Extension, presented their request for help with the after school program called Kid's Camp. The program can no longer function under the auspices of the Goldendale Head Start. They are looking to provide low cost, safe child care for children from kindergarten through sixth grade after school. The program needs a financial supervisory entity that is a non-profit. And they are looking for a person or persons to provide leadership to such a program. They have a site (Goldendale Primary School), finances, and lots of volunteers. They need a decision from this church by November. GUMC needs the trustees to vote on acceptance of the idea before either group can move ahead with planning. The trustees are being contacted in order to meet for this item of business.

Susan Kerr announced that Washington State University is sponsoring a Youth Development Summit on November 5, at Goldendale Grange Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Groups were excused for 10 minutes to deliberate in committees. As soon as all were back together, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. The calendar was reviewed and corrections and additions were made.

Trustees announced a work day on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The church basement work will be finished at this time. Financial reports were available to all present to detail the work recently finished on the parsonage. Lynn was asked to post signs regarding NO SMOKING rules for the lower outside level of the church as well as upstairs. Dwayne will talk to Rachele Williams concerning a dead bolt (keyed) lock for the LLC office.

Reports from both Sunday School groups as well as Spirit Salon indicated quality studies offered to all who would like to come.

Worship committee proposed ways of gathering the congregation together more often. One suggestion was a joint service each time a fifth Sunday occurs. Another was to serve a brunch for everyone. Pastor Ben was directed to reflect on the possible ideas and come up with a proposal. New banners are needed in the sanctuary.

Reports for UMW and UMM were made to remind us of the next meeting's time and place.

Finance committee reported that the bills are paid. Apportionments are current through the end of September.

SPR presented the pastoral compensation package for council approval. Barbara Fridley stated that after review the SPR committee recommends acceptance of the proposal for 2012. Moved, seconded and passed.

Under suggestions for the good of the order, Loren Johnson provided us all with a more accurate picture of the consequences of the Monastery Complex Fire. Five primary residences were destroyed. The rest of the destroyed residences had out of town addresses. The five primary residences have been given \$5000 from the Fire Victim's Fund. Three payments of \$2500 have gone to people who had structures destroyed that prevent them from moving back onto their property quickly. (for example, a pump house). If a person has money to donate to the Fire Victim's Fund they should call this number, 250-3012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Wanless  
Secretary, pro tem