

Administrative Board Meeting

Brecksville United Methodist Church

October 2, 2006

Attendance: Alan Scheufler, Lynn Hobzek, Karen Oehl, Jeff Schillo, Marilyn Schillo, Les Buttolph, Sue Dietrich, Jeff Hastings, Sue Hastings, Don Krolikowski, Marc Vincent, Lisa Drew, Don Yates, Janet Kleckner, Donna Houston, Ruth McDonel, John Faulk, Scott Campbell, Craig Kotnik, Bob Andree, Lue Andree, Janine Telischak, Betsy Wooster

Alan Scheufler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Karen opened with joys of the season. Corrections to the August minutes were approved. Committee reports followed.

Council on Ministries - Janet Kleckner - Janet reminded those present of the partnership program that Missions supports. If you would like, you can suggest a ministry program for their consideration.

Education - Janine Telischak - There is still a need for two 8th grade Sunday School teachers. There are broader options this fall for adult classes.

Missions - Craig Kotnik - The new mission for 2007 will be a Phillipine missionary - the Schillers. The *Crop Walk* is coming up and needs the support of our church members. The Health Kits for summer Sunday School were a success.

Evangelism - Marilyn Schillo stated that the welcome table will move downstairs and that the committee is still in need of greeters for both services.

Worship - Sue Dietrich - The choir will lead both services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. There will be a coffee hour after 2nd service. *Hanging of the Greens* will be December 2nd and help is needed.

Koininia - Karen reported that the hayride this past Sunday was a success and she particularly enjoyed the pumpkin shoot. There will be a Halloween party the end of October.

Church and Society - Karen stated the committee will host coffee hours on current topics instead of bringing in a few key speakers a year.

Youth - Jeff Schillo - Confirmation classes have begun. *EPIC* will be the 2nd Sunday of the month from 6-8pm with the youth leading the program. It will include Bible study, and it's own rock band. All are welcome. The Youth committee is looking for new programs and perhaps a Youth Intern.

UMW - Ruth O'Donnel - Lynn Spencer will talk on her Mission in Russia at the next meeting. All are welcome. November 5 UMW will host a fundraising soup luncheon after 2nd service. Soup will be available to take home after 1st service.

UMM - John Faulk - The men will host a work day/grounds cleanup on October 28. They are working on developing new activities. Betsy and Janine thanked the men for hosting the teacher/student pancake breakfast on September 10.

Staff Parish - Sue Hastings - Barb Polomski and Brenda Calovini will comprise the music staff with Barb being the coordinator. Office assistance will be needed over the next month. Please contact Karen or Irma if you can donate time to collate, stamp, stuff, etc. John Faulk's last Sunday will be October 15. We will have a celebration of his service between worships. Les Buttolph will assume John's duties. There was a motion from the Staff Parish committee to approve Les as Business Manager. It passed unanimously.

Finance - Jeff Hastings - Jeff gave the attached report through September 30, 2006. All committees will see budget packets within the next few weeks. The capital campaign will launch on October 8. There will be a pre-commitment campaign on November 9 for church leaders. November 12 is Commitment Sunday.

Trustees - Scott Campbell - Scott thanked John Faulk for his commitment to the Trustees. The Garden Elves have finished landscaping Memorial Hill. Thank Jane Petrie and/or elves when you see them. Thanks to the efforts of Doug Huth and Carl Opatrny the city will wave building fees for construction to begin in the sanctuary and admin wing. The mold problem, due to the leak in the roof, will be remedied by Wilhelm. It has affected classrooms. Three spot lights over the cross and lights in the bell tower have been replaced. Don Yates resealed the sidewalk. Jeff Hastings is fertilizing the lawn. The oven has been repaired. The trustees will enlighten the congregation on the sanctuary remodeling with display boards and handouts. The trustees will be available between services to answer questions.

Communications - Don Krolikowski - As a result of the new strategic plan, Don has expanded communications for the church. The web site will offer a prayer chain. Wireless communication with a password has been set up. Some ideas for better communication include a web page for Karen and capital funds campaign information. The bulletin might include more timely news and list programs the church offers. The newsletter may go to once a month and feature stories on staff and moments for ministries. Any suggestions are welcome.

New Business: The United Methodist Church has taken a public stand against Issue 3, a constitutional amendment to allow gambling casinos in Cuyahoga County. For information visit eocumc.org. Alan would like this committee's help in spreading the word to vote against Issue 3. We can place information in the Good Word and on our web site.

Staff Reports

Lisa: YSP is looking for new adult leaders to join the program. *EPIC* has been totally youth led, with about 16 youth involved.

Betsy: Approximately 100 volunteers are needed to staff the crib room through senior high classes from September through May. New preschool curriculum has been well received. Betsy thanked Gifts and Memorials for new furniture in the preschool area. Betsy has been providing training and spiritual development for those working with the Sunday school children, through devotional time before each unit. If you are interested in mentoring a confirmand, please contact Betsy.

Karen: Karen has been busy attending committee meetings, the strategic planning launch, and identifying ministries that have come out of the strategic plan. She is still working out her role and enjoying the enthusiasm of the congregation. Libby is doing visitations, prayer chain, grief support, so Karen has more time for administrative duties.

Alan closed in prayer at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting - **Charge Conference - November 2 @ 7:30pm, 2006**