

Church and Society  
Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2006

Present: Penny Burns, Mark Hobzek, Kendall Lancaster, Karen Oehl, Elinor Rowan, Becky Schultz, Harry Wilson

**'COFFEE IN THE PARLOR' DISCUSSIONS:**

It was confirmed that, as per discussion at our last meeting, the parolor discussions will be held the first Monday evening of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm. This time slot is meant to accommodate those congregation members who may already have other church committee meetings on Monday nights at 7:30 pm.

We will solicit suggestions from the congregation through the Good Word (GW) for ideas for topics. This will ensure that we are addressing the specific interests of our church family. The GW article will also invite any member/friend to facilitate a particular discussion on a topic about which they are passionate. A facilitator would share information they have on a topic (both sides). Meeting attendees would then share their thoughts and opinions. We will include all committee member names in the GW article.

A number of topics for the parlor discussions were discussed. At the last meeting, it was suggested that Bruce McCrodden may be interested in facilitating or suggesting a facilitator to address the topic, 'Dependency on Oil and Oil Alternatives'. Kendall reported that he had spoken with Bruce and that Bruce felt he had been away from the industry for too long and no longer has any good industry contacts. After discussing other potential topics, topics and dates for the first several parlor discussions were decided as per below:

December 4, 2006: Illegal Immigration and its Effects on All of Us. Harry Wilson will find someone to facilitate this discussion or perhaps facilitate himself. All committee members should begin to collect articles and reference material for this topic.

January 8, 2007: General Health Care Delivery

February 5, 2007: Mental Health Care Delivery

**NOVEMBER ELECTION:** Penny suggested this committee provide information t (via the GW) to the congregation on various issues that will be included on the November ballot:

- Penny will submit info addressing Issue 4 & 5 (smoking issues) and the issue supporting the arts.
- Kendall will submit info on a presentation the Macedonia UMC is hosting on October 30 addressing Issue 3 – Gambling in Ohio.
- Karen will submit an article explaining the position of the Methodist church regarding gambling. There was concern that we not tell anyone how to vote...this is just to let folks know the Methodist position.

**OTHER MISC:**

- Penny will submit articles for the Good Word by Monday, 10/9/06 with information on the Brookside Center and the Cleveland Council of World Affairs speaker series.
- Kendall had been notified by Don Krolikowski that meeting minutes should be sent to [minutes@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:minutes@brecksvilleumc.com). This distribution includes all BUMC staff and all committee chairmen. Don K plans to publish all committee meeting minutes on the BUMC website.

**BUDGET:** Kendall will submit a proposed annual budget of \$300 for this committee to the Finance Committee.

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 12, between services (to begin as soon as the first service is over).