

Administrative Board Meeting

Brecksville United Methodist Church

January 2, 2007

Attendance: Alan Scheufler, Lynn Hobzek, Karen Oehl, Jeff Schillo, Marilyn Schillo, Les Buttolph, Sue Dietrich, Jeff Hastings, Sue Hastings, Marc Vincent, Emily Vincent, Lisa Drew, Janet Kleckner, Donna Houston, Ruth McDonel, Scott Campbell, Bob Andree, Lue Andree, Janine Telischak, Laurie Riccardi, John Falko, Sandie Meyer, Bill Webb, Bob Lundholm, Doug Huth

Alan Scheufler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Alan opened with prayer. October minutes were approved with corrections. Committee reports followed.

Education - Janine Telischak - Third graders will receive their bibles January 8. There will be no rotation Sunday School for the next 8 weeks - bible study will be taught. March 4 grades 1-6 will lead the service. Adult groups are beginning.

Evangelism - Nothing new from Bob Ludholm. Evangelism is still giving bread to new attendees and looking for greeters.

Worship - Sue Dietrich - Compliments were received on the arrangement of the altar poinsettias.

Youth - Jeff Schillo - *EPIC* is going strong - averaging 35 youth per service. Junior and Senior High retreats are coming up, but no ski trip is planned.

UMW - Ruth McDonel - Sue Henry will be speaking on February 1. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation and lodging for Sue as needed. UMW will host "High Society" February 4 @ 2 pm, with finger foods served after. Ruth has tickets.

UMM - Please sign up for the chili cook-off on January 27. The mayor will be attending.

Council on Ministries - Janet Kleckner - Janet reiterated all of the above.

Staff Parish - Sue Hastings announced Joan Quade's retirement after 21 years of service to BUMC. There will be a party in her honor on January 14 between services. A love offering is being collected for Joan. Staff Parish is hoping to fill a part time administrative office assistant position.

Trustees - Scott Campbell - Repairs to room 405 are finished. Major roof repair will be looked into. The new window is in although the trim is still being worked on and the diffuser is on order. Trustees would like to find someone to remove snow from the sidewalks Sunday mornings, if needed. A self propelled snow blower has been purchased.

Finance - Jeff Hastings - Jeff reported that 2006, though not closed out yet, should end up in the black. Also, 224 pledges have been received for the annual and capital campaigns. The anticipated revenue for 2007 is approximately \$519,310 while the minimum anticipated budget expenses are estimated at \$568,445. This shows a \$49,485 deficit for 2007. Before cutting programs and/or staff, a letter will be sent to members requesting additional pledge money, if individually feasible. The letter will go out this week, along with an announcement by Jeff during services and in the bulletin. Jeff was not able to present a 2007 budget at this meeting, but will do so at the April 2 meeting.

Staff Reports

Lisa: *EPIC* is a success. Lisa would like to see more adult males involved in youth activities. Please see her to volunteer.

Karen: Betsy's father remains ill and needs our prayers. Thanks to all who helped during the Christmas services. Karen has extra subscriptions to "Interpreter Magazine" if anyone is interested. Everyone was encouraged to attend the District Leadership Academy @ Lakewood UMC, with Paul Chilcote as speaker, on February 3. The congregation's frustration with our strategic plan was discussed. Karen will speak with Don Cummings for any guidance he may provide. Sue Hastings would like to see a "Moment for Ministries" included in our worship service, during which members who have started a new committee or program could explain how it was accomplished. The action steps and 5 plans will be posted on the web site. Barb Palomsky and Karen are working on the Easter programs. There will be much happening with Lenten studies and special worship services.

Alan closed in prayer at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting - **April 2 @ 7:30 pm, 2007**

Submitted by Lynn Hobzek