

Administrative Board Meeting

Brecksville United Methodist Church

July 2, 2007

Attendance: Leslie Miller, Lynn Hobzek, Karen Oehl, Jeff Schillo, Marilyn Schillo, Kay AuWerter, Sue Dietrich, Jeff Hastings, Sue Hastings, Marc Vincent, Betsy Wooster, Janet Kleckner, Ruth McDonel, Janine Telischak, John Falko, Sandie Meyer, Bob Lundholm, Anne Ford, Kelsey Hogan, Craig Kotnik, Sally Becker, Kendall Lancaster, Joe Holmes, Stacy Parker, Leslie Selig, Karen Thielman, Laurie Riccardi, Elizabeth Jaszczak, Catherine Vastartis, David Lienert

Leslie Miller opened the meeting with prayer and welcome at 7:35 pm. The April minutes were approved as corrected. Committee reports followed.

Church and Society - Dave Lienert and Kendall Lancaster - The Monday evening "Coffee in the Parlor" will continue in the fall. The committee is open to suggested topics and facilitators which will keep the church apprised of outside events. Dave Lienert's goal as the new chairperson is to continue the volunteer programs that currently exist outside the church and to bring in new members.

Council on Ministries - Janet Kleckner - Council endorses the decision to change the schedule of Sunday services in the Fall of 2008. Sunday School will take place between the two church services and there will be more adult education available. Janet attended Annual Conference with Catherine Vastartis. Catherine gave the report as follows: The following four **petitions** were proposed to go on to General Conference.

1. Ensure equal access to church members in the area of sexual orientation - failed.
2. Grant the order of deacons sacramental privileges - passed.
3. Non-discriminating support for children of American servicemen and Asian parents - passed.
4. Grant privileges for associate pastors and not fully ordained full time pastors to vote for general conference delegates - passed.

The following six **resolutions** represent changes within our East Ohio Conference.

1. Non-discriminating support for children of American servicemen and Asian parents.
2. Advocate for the impoverished.
3. Be faithful stewards of God's creations through environmental issues such as recycling within our congregation.
4. Educate and learn more about domestic violence.
5. Support UMCOR projects, food service projects for camps, and Equal Exchange Coffee.
6. Youth recommended that communion be performed monthly within each church and approved the Associate Director of Youth Ministries to a full time position.

Education - Marc Vincent - Vacation Bible School was a success with 100 children participating at our church and 18 at the park. Thanks to the VBS and summer Sunday school volunteers. Check out the self serve "Book Mobile" which is available to all ages.

Evangelism - Bob Lundholm - Playoffs begin after a fun softball season. New member classes in September.

Finance - Jeff Hastings - A good financial reports shows the church \$11,000 in the black. To date \$82,000 has been collected for the Capital Campaign. Jeff asked that the Administrative Board grant Gifts and Memorials the authority to loan \$150,000 in available money to the Capital Fund. Discussion

followed. Stacy Parker, Gifts and Memorials chair, stated that this would entail zero risk to the church. Kay AuWerter (Trustees) said the Trustees would have access to the funds to be used only as needed for the capital campaign. This committee granted the request.

Gifts & Memorials - Stacy Parker - A Memorial Tree will be planted in the yard. The office will need to purchase a folder/stapler. Funds are available for creative ministries. Please talk to Stacy if interested. A form is available on the web site.

Kononia - Karen Oehl - There will be no ice cream social July 15. A new venue for the church picnic is being considered, perhaps at a park during the week.

Missions - Kraig Kotnik - The Schellers, missionaries assigned to the Philippines, will speak here in two weeks. Lynn Spencer will be returning to Russia for her work in an orphanage there. Aundrea Dumot is doing missionary work in Africa.

Staff Parish - Sue Hastings - Joy Mcguire has accepted the position for BUMC music director. She will start sometime in August. Jacques will continue as temporary director for the summer.

Trustees - Kay AuWerter - The following repairs have kept the Trustees busy the past few months: coatroom leak; bell tower cleaning; window cleaning; roof repairs; repairs to the parsonage; fire department walk-thru; Music, Gifts and Memorials and Trustees donated moneys to clean and tune the organ; new directional signage inside the church; contact made with the architect.

Worship - Sue Dietrich - The worship committee was helpful in the interview process for the music director.

Youth - Jeff Schillo - Music with a Mission helped raise money for YSP which will be traveling to Michigan for its project this summer.

UMW - Ruth McDonnell - Thanks to all who supported the cherry pie booth at the Fair on the Square, especially the Evangelism Committee. Approximately \$3300 was raised.

Lay Leadership - Karen moved to accept the 2007-2008 roster with the following changes. It passed unanimously. Add - Lucy Fesler (2010) to Staff Parish, Donna Houston (2010) to Evangelism, Bev Huber (2010) to Commission on Education. Joy Mc Guire was added as the Director of Music, but needed no vote.

Staff Reports

Betsy: attended a workshop in Columbus, an overview of adult education "Faith in American Politics" which would be a 6-7 week class. We would send interested members of our congregation to learn how to facilitate the class. This is intended to be a lay leadership class and would hope to start this fall. The emphasis would be on how our religious beliefs shape our personal and political ideals. Thanks to Doug and Gail Huth for hosting the drive-in movie for Jesus and Ebert Night. Thanks for all VBS volunteers. VBS mission focus was on UMCOR school kits. Betsy is looking for someone to sew 75-80 tote bags.

Lisa: Karen reported *Epic* will be held in the park this summer. There will be no Youth Board chair this year. Youth Annual conference is coming up in June and YSP in July.

Karen: Is happy and excited to be working with Joy Mcguire. That will be her main focus once Joy begins as music director.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting - **October 1 @ 7:00 pm, 2007**

Submitted by Lynn Hobzek