

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2013

Attending: Spencer DePoy (chair), David Stinson, Ben Bezy, Dennis Payton, Bryan Vickery, Pam Taber, Dale Wilson, Bill Yeager, Cheryl Howard, Signe Nicholson, Dana Forester, Sue Klinger, Tammy Payton, Lydia Rychtarczyk, Becky Underwood

Kathy Tooley was unable to attend meeting so minutes are being taken by Cheryl Howard.

Meeting was opened in prayer by Dennis Payton.

Minutes of February 2013 were approved unanimously.

- **Ministry Perspectives:**

Dennis Payton- He shared he is reading the book Deep and Wide by Andy Stanley- it is a book about new churches, it describes the difference between churched and unchurched people. The biggest difference is that churched people are tolerant of less than perfect in the church. Dennis challenged us to look at the church this Sunday with 2 lenses- one as a churched person (which we all are...) and as an unchurched person- is it user friendly and what is here that makes people want to stay? Andy Stanley has a church in Atlanta and it is designed for the unchurched and very successful.

Ben Bezy- He is excited about the small group meeting for breakfast and is noticing a deeper faith walk in the members. Monday night had a very good response to visitation ministry. The Gathering service is seeing growth. The Henryville mission trip in June is coming together. There is much excitement about the Holy Spirit Seminar by _____ on June 29 and 30. She will speak about emotional healing and prophesy.

Sue Klinger- Lay Leader- Thanks to all who contributed to the college gift card ministry0 there were 20-25 college students who will benefit. Bryan also sent out a letter with the cards. Next month the Prayer Ministry will be praying through the Directory and letters will be sent. Home visits are being made but more volunteers are needed to visit shut-in's. It was suggested by Spencer that there are 12 committees represented at our meeting tonight and each of us could encourage one of our members to go out and make a visit- or we could spend the next Adm board meeting going out to visit!

- **Administrative Reports:**

Trustees: Dave Stinson- new locks have been replaced on the Pre-school doors. Four new exit doors have been replaced around the church. The same keys we have now will still work on the doors. April 20 is scheduled to be the outdoors Spring Cleaning Day. The committee is reviewing the closing of the Pre-school hallway for security purposes (south end). An Electronic sign will be installed at the front of the church- it will probably be ready by the first of May.

There is a Conference Security person (formally of the FBI) coming to the church to assess our church's security and offer suggestions.

Staff Parish Relations- Greg Long not present. Sue reported the committee is looking at job descriptions. There was a question about the employee handbook being reviewed, it is stated in the book that it should be reviewed yearly by June. Sue will take this back to Greg.

Lay Leadership- Dennis- Jamie Vickery will be joining the group. Two other persons are praying about their involvement on the group. The meetings are now on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. One of the topics being discussed is how do we recognize /pay our volunteers who are doing excellent ministry?

Finance- Signe Nicholson- On-line donations will be available by the first of May. The site is a reputable and very secure site. Ti has the ability to focus on a different ministry each month. Signe mentioned that would be organized by another committee. They are sponsoring a 50/50 campaign- we owe \$50,000 on our mortgage and we would like to add \$50,000 to our general operating fund as a cushion.

Treasurer- Bill Yeager- Please check your e-mail for reports. Notice the addition of a new report- Transaction Report. Bills are currently being paid without the approval of committee chairs due to the timeliness of the need to pay the bill. The report states our beginning balance of 1,222.33 and ending balance as of 3/31/13 is 3,567.38. All accounts are paid and current. Conference tithes are paid at 7%. The first quarter of 2013 we spent 100.09% of our expense budget request and our income finds us at 104.54% income exceeding budget by \$7104.54. Remember the budget income fluctuates. These numbers deserve a big praise note!!!!

Wills and Memorials- John Ehrhart not present. It was noted we do not have an accurate address for him- an updated contact will be sent out.

Communications- Laura Gutzwiler not present- Tammy reported sharing a handout on the report of social network activity. The pictorial directory sign up is going well. The church phone book is being updated- the Henderson Group will be printing and publishing our books as a mission fund raiser. If you know of any corrections, please let Dana or Tammy know.

Technology-David Burton not present-Tammy reported the server is going to be replaced and new routers are being purchased. A new computer to operate the new electronic sign is being donated by a member. David is working on an app for the church. Mike Thompson purchased new sound equipment- compression system and amp box. There will be an audio training session on Sunday for all volunteers who operate the sound system. Dennis has asked that the person operating the sound board please come about 10-15 minutes early to test the sound system before each service. Ben will make this request at the training.

Membership- Dana- A handout on the attendance was distributed. In summary, the 3rd service is up by 13%, 1st service is up by 13% and 2nd service is down by 1%. Our total increase is 7% for the year.

Lay Delegate-Dennis reported a report would be submitted after Annual Conference in June.

Member at Large- Dale had no report.

- **Ministry and Missions Reports:**

Worship Committee- Jeff Lawson not present- Dennis reported they are working on Race Sunday "Victory", Mother's Day (gift will be a pink compact!), Father's Day. All reported how pleased they are with the scripture below the cross. Easter Sunday was beautiful and many were thankful for the flowers and the sensitivity by having silk lilies.

Prayer Committee- Becky- The prayer Team will be present at the Health Fair on April 28 with a table to talk about prayer requests, prayer partners, how to pray... The committee will be praying for each committee as they are meeting. Cars are being sent to approximately 160 people each month! It was suggested we have 2 persons praying in the chapel during each service.

Missions- Pam- she thanked all for the prayers for Bret- they were greatly appreciated. The Pregnancy Care Center bottle collection is over and \$1533 was collected along with diapers and wipes. There is a fund raising brunch this Saturday at Valle Vista- please call Shelley Wilson if you are interested in attending- there are 3 chairs open at our table. There will be transportation from the church to the event. The Churches in Mission food drive in February was very successful the best we have ever had! We collected a lot of food and also \$3205 in monetary donations which Sally Crawford used to get perishable and high need items. May 11 is the Postal Workers food drive- volunteers are needed to drive behind the postal worker for collection and for sorting at the mission. The Jackson Center Walk of Dreams is May 19. There was a habitat For Humanity home in our community earlier but we did not have representation, another is being planned for August-November- we will have more communication to increase awareness. Our Youth were very helpful with the habitat for Humanity Restore project- they had 4 youths each of 4 days to pack and sort and take to the center.

Children's Education- Lydia- VBS sign-up will start at the end of April. The Country Manor lunch program is being organized; we will be working with Grace Church this summer. The may SonBurst will be asking for donations. The VBS program will be from Monday to Friday this year and the final program will be on Friday evening with the pool party at the park.

Youth Program- Bryan- 19 students attended confirmation, testimonies were shared and they wrote letters about their faith walk. They will be recognized at their service of attendance this Sunday. Thanks were given to the Technology Committee for the new screens in the Youth

room. They are preparing for the Mission trip to Kokomo June 10-15. They are preparing for the 2014 Cruise Mission Trip. Bryan is willing to go to any groups to talk about the trip.

Adult Education-Tammy- A handout was sent around about the comparison of the groups. People tend to like short term classes and then remain together through fellowship. Tammy challenged us to help go to the next level, how can we Segway to long term connections that will offer support and encouragement? The Friendship Class is a good example of a long term group that are friends, do mission, ministry, work in the community and participate in visitations. They have been active at North Madison. It was mentioned that there may be opportunities to get together but people are unaware of how to get involved- how can we fix this and open it up to all? We need to communicate these secrets! Bryan Vickery is starting a "How to Study the Bible" on April 21 for a Sunday School class- it will be offered again in the Fall for more to attend.

Family Ministries-Kim- not present- Lydia reported the Easter Bunny breakfast was well attended. They are working on Homecoming Day for this summer. The Halloween Hike will be hosted by them again. The Easter Bunny and Santa Breakfast are already on the book for next year.

Health & Welfare- Cheryl- The April 28 health fair will have skin cancer screenings and bike safety and car seat safety booths. There will be appointments needed for the skin assessments. Sign up will be in the bulletin. The UMC Conference parish Nurses will be sponsoring a lunch on Thursday of the conference to Methodist for a tour and brief lecture by Steve Ivy. Cheryl attended the Parish Nurse conference in Memphis and brought back lots of good information. There will be a conference in September about Intentional care of the Spirit. More information to come.

Evangelism- Steve- not present- Sue reported how excited Steve was about the turnout on Monday night for visitation. He is taking a group to the Promise Keepers Convention in Nashville, many have signed up already. There is a meeting on May 14 to discuss a 3 year evangelism plan.

Preschool Oversight- Lydia- Preschool registration is open. They are thankful for the new locks and the new sign for the preschool. She asked for continued prayers for the teachers as they have had several personal tragedies in 2013.

UMW- Mary Craig- not present- Dana reported the Strawberry Festival is June 8. Pam Taber reported there is a new evening group forming called Circle of Friends. They are meeting the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in various places. If interested in more information contact Jamie Wilson or Becca Bezy. They are currently studying the book "Unglued".

UMM- John Crawford- not present- no report

Please pray for Cathy Mosier as she attends Stephens Ministry training this week.

Dennis summarized our meeting by sharing this was a summary and celebration of what we are doing at FUMC-Mooresville.

Ben Bezy closed us in prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Howard