

Council on Ministries Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2008

Susan Hamilton, Chairperson highlighted safety concerns for the group. If there is an emergency the group should exit the building through the front door, if that is not an option exit will be the side door leading through the children's wing. If necessary someone should be able to administer CPR, someone know where the fire extinguishers are and able to use them and someone in the group call 911.

Dr. Joe asked that all reports be succinct and short, he asked that all members sign the sign-up sheet (33 signed attendance sheet tonight). He reminded members that copies of agenda and finance report were available.

No minutes were available for last meeting. Ann Parker was asked to take minutes for this meeting.

Finance Al Jackson:

\$37,138 more collected than spent in 2007. Motion passed to approve 2008 budget of \$696,542. As of this time 60% of the 2008 budget has been pledged.

Trustees Bob Moore:

John Holcomb, Ray Helfrich and other volunteers removed the carpet and laid ceramic tile in the office complex. Shelves were built on the west wall of the hall in office complex.

At no cost to St. Paul, Trane repairmen came out several times and heating unit is running ok. A new burner control installed at no cost.

The old foam roofing will be removed and a new roof will be placed on the concrete floor where the 40 ton AC unit and several smaller units are located. Cost \$9,850.

Ministries:

Nurturing – Janice Dupree (Page 2)

Crisis - Denise Hayes stated that she would like to get one more team to help with food

Family Promise – March 9 through 16.

Singles – Jackie Cason announced the annual cookout would be at the home of Lewis Boyd

Methodist Women – Leadership training January 26. SEE at Epworth-by the Sea March 7-9

Methodist Men – Work on landscaping when weather improves. Sweetheart banquet 2-9-08. March 24 UMM Golf tournament

Missions – Trip to Mississippi March 31 through April 4, 2008

Adult Discipleship – Lenten study to begin February 3

Children/Family –

- January 27 Puppet Ministry meeting
- February 1st Family night, film showing “High School Musical”
- February 24 WATOTO will be here
- June 23 Vacation Bible School

CEC - Full staff. Budget passed and a raise to be given to all CEC employees

Youth/Young Adults –

- Three youth to go on mission trip to Cuba this summer.
- Youth to attend Warren Willis UM Camp in June.
- Two mission trips planned for July.

Worship – New hours for Worship Service beginning January 27

Music – No report

PrimeTimers – Branson Trip April 7 through 12, 2008

Foundation – No report

Technology – New cameras installed in Sanctuary for use on January 27

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Ann Parker, Acting Secretary

NURTURING MINISTRIES – Janice Dupree

New Member Baskets – There have been no needs as of late.

Wednesday Night Meals – An average number of people have been attending dinner. The need for dinners to shut ins has increased slightly.

Angel Tree - There were 60 names on the tree. Names of children under 13 came in from the Clothes Closet and all 60 received gifts.

Holiday Charities – 24 food baskets were distributed containing ham, turkey, peas, potatoes, yams and other fixins. They were given to needy families within the church and outside of the church.

Petals and Prayers – continues to share the love and concern to our members and loved ones with beautiful flower arrangements. The approximate 50 flower pots that brightened our beautiful sanctuary throughout Advent were delivered to the sick and shut in. There is still a need for helpers.

Hospital Ministry – continues to visit the sick that are hospitalized in facilities throughout the area. The past month included visits to Linda Jursa and Thad Walker. They are in need of help. Helpers must complete a special class that is offered by St. Luke's Hospital.

Thanksgiving Dinner – A total of 23 people were served, including the helpers. The cost was approximately \$115.00. Some of the attendees also provided dishes. Harriett Dame has advised that she is moving this summer and will no longer be available to lead this ministry.

Stephen Ministry – Jackie Baucom will be taking the lead over this ministry. She recently attended the Stephen Leadership Training Conference. She will now assess where the ministry is and what it needs to do to move forward. She will be offering a training event for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers.

Alzheimer's Support Group – This group meets monthly with an average of six persons in attendance. This is mostly a time of sharing and offering support. Sometimes they invite an outside speaker, usually someone from a health care organization.

Clothing Closet – Lately they have been receiving a better quality of clothes. The number of people served continues to increase, especially from the Hispanic community.

In Touch Ministries – continues to visits the sick and shut in and minister to them. The In Touch Ministry is planning to collaborate with the Stephen Ministry to determine how to more thoroughly serve those in need.