

Administrative Board Minutes
Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church
January 25, 2010

Bruce Wolfe opened the meeting at 7PM with a devotion and prayer.

Ministry Team Reports

Senior Pastor, Riley Richardson:

- The last year has been great! We have a great staff and it is a privilege to work with them.
- In 2010 we will narrow our focus to accomplish our mission and purpose statements: focus on five mission priorities.
- Thank you all for your giving. Again, it is a privilege to be able to help people through the generosity found in the altar fund. Just today, we were able to help a couple with housing and food for a week. The people who are assisted may never come worship with us, but it is an opportunity to share and witness.

Associate Pastor, Laura Weant:

- Lent is coming soon. February 17th is Ash Wednesday and we will have a service at 6:00 PM. Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a service at 12 noon.
- There have been many positive responses to the call for Health Kits for Haiti.
- There are thirty-five people in the John Wesley study.

Youth Director, Patrick McBride:

- The two fundraisers in December raised \$400 and those funds are instrumental in allowing 20 youth to attend Meltdown. Patrick is currently serving on the Meltdown Committee.
- A youth council has been formed with Tom Danks serving as the facilitator. There are +/- seven adults who attend.
- High school age youth are meeting on Wednesday evenings with average attendance of 23.
- Middle school age youth are meeting on Sunday evenings. Thus far it has been difficult to make the day change (from Wednesday) and attendance has been 6 or 7.
- The Valentine Banquet will be February 6th.
- Mission work is a focus for the year. One way will be to help people in our congregation or in the neighborhood. If you know someone who may need assistance with yard work or some home repair type work, contact Chuck Boyd. He will be looking at each job to ensure an adequate number of youth are assigned to the project and adequate supplies are available.
- One distance mission trip is being planned. Patrick requests prayer and other support as needed for another trip to Peru. This trip will be open to those in the young adult class and five high school youth.

Administrative Committee Reports

Finance, Connie Boyd and Nancy Norman:

- Connie Boyd presented the December Income and Expense Statement and the Balance Sheet. There were no questions. **MOTION:** Chuck Boyd moved the reports be accepted. V. Ard seconded and the motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

Staff-Parish Relations, Linda Danks:

- The committee is in the midst of the pastor reappointment process.

Trustees/ Buildings & Grounds, Chuck Boyd:

- Routine maintenance issues.
- In future repair of education building roof will be number one priority. An architect and engineer will be needed to help raise one side of the roof to help prevent future leaks. Floor maintenance is another priority. A capital fundraiser may be needed.

Technology, Jim Reynolds: No Report

Stewardship: No Report

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Worship, Sue Booth:

- Committee will be meeting on February 8th and will be checking on prices of Easter Lilies.

- Congregation is welcome to attend.

Education, Diane Darville:

- Theme of VBS will be Joseph and Egypt.
- Lifestyle Class will be changing to Adult Bible Study Book.

Evangelism, Andrew Bosley:

- Work has begun on redesigning the mug that is given to first time visitors. The new cup will have picture of the church on it, the cross and flame, the church address, and e-mail address. The new cup can be used for a fundraiser at \$10 each.
- Revival is planned for March 7, 8, and 9th. Rev. John Barrett will be the evangelist. On Saturday, March 6th, he would like to meet with the Administrative Board for dinner and a talk.
- The next meeting will be February 2nd. The plan is to involve Sunday School classes in Nurture and Care and the Outreach aspects of committee work.
- Committee reports that eighteen have joined MGUMC since the November Admin Board Meeting.
- Lay Leadership Committee will be contacting new members from the past six months. The plan will be to help new members get plugged in to a Bible study or Sunday School and a ministry.
- Another women's conference is being planned for May 1st. The committee is hosting a Wednesday night dinner on April 7th as a fundraiser for this event.
- Andrew thanks all for their prayers, cards, and calls when his mother passed away in December.

Missions, Maureen Dunbar:

- Mission Weekend will be January 30th and 31st. Six missionaries are coming. There will be a potluck on Saturday the 30th. Missionaries will be speaking during all three services on 31st.
- Faith Promise has been met for each quarter. Our church helps support each of the missionary speakers.

Hospitality, Barbara Boyden:

- We do have a warm, loving church but that does not mean we cannot improve. Get out of our pew and greet someone you do not know – the personal touch is what helps visitors decide to come back.

Children's Council, Travis McDaniel:

- Fourteen children attended the Blue Lake Camp for elementary age. The various fundraisers helped a lot!
- Common Scout night has helped. Church has supported this by the Admin Board moving it's meeting to the Chapel. This is another way we connect with our community. Two families recently were added to MGUMC from the Scout program.
- Easter activities are being planned.
- February will see the Children Quarterly Conference meeting. Janet will train as a Safe Sanctuary Trainer with the conference.
On May 11th our church will be hosting this meeting.

Other Business

November administrative board minutes:

- The minutes for the November meeting were reviewed. No corrections were offered. MOTION: B. Herndon moved the minutes be accepted. B. Boyden seconded and the motion passed.

Cemetery Committee, Bill Brown:

- A financial report was turned in with the request it be added to the official minutes. This has been done.

Submitted by,

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