

Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Minutes
November 23, 2009

Nell Potter opened the meeting at 7PM with prayer.

Ministry Team Reports

Senior Pastor, Riley Richardson:

Pastor Riley gave the Technology Report for J. Reynolds:

- Three new laptops have been put into service. Two will be paid for by insurance money from lightning strike and the third was donated. These are for Pastors Riley and Laura and Patrick.
- Jim and Pastor Riley are working to update the church website.

Pastor's report

- Memorial service for Mae Blackwell is planned for evening of November 25th.
- November 24th Little Flower Catholic Church is hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service; Pastor Riley will be presenting the message.
- Lay Leadership Committee will be meeting November 30th. Plans are being made for a training event to be held January 11th. Guest speaker will be Neil McDavid from our local conference. The training event will be open to all but the following are encouraged to attend committee chairpersons, lay leaders, vision committee, administrative board members, and new committee members.

Associate Pastor, Laura Weant:

For Patrick McBride

- Averaging 35-40 students for Wednesday night youth service
- 4-5 are attending Sunday Bible study
- In January high and middle schoolers will be splitting and there will be two youth services.
- A youth council similar to the Children's council is being created. This is a huge step, and will enable the youth department to grow and have an infrastructure in place for greater ministry.
- In December, we will be doing Cookies and a Carol Fundraiser and have a Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Watch for details.
- Youth leaders are looking for more ways to get youth to serve in the church and the community.
- Your prayers and support are appreciated.

Pastor Laura's report:

- Contact Laura if you and family are interested in lighting the Advent Wreath.
- December 13th will be a big day: the Chancel Choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata at 8:30AM; the youth will be doing a drama at 11AM; and the 6PM service will be the Children's Christmas Program.
- January 30th and 31st is Mission Awareness sponsored by Missions Committee.

Administrative Committee Reports

Finance, Nancy Norman reporting:

- The October Balance Sheet was distributed and reviewed. There were no questions. M. Prouty seconded the report and it passed unanimously.
- The 2010 budget was presented. D. Darville, Education, offered one correction; that committee budget request was the same as last year. The 2010 budget proposal is \$54,171.76 less than 2009. MOTION: B. Herndon moved the budget be accepted as amended. Motion seconded by R. Ingram and it passed unanimously.

SPRC, Mike Prouty:

- Letters explaining the church financial situation to cleaning staff have been prepared.
- Committee continues to work on up-dating the Employee Manual.

Stewardship, Beth Herndon:

- Remember to return your completed stewardship service brochure. Only a few have been turned in thus far.

Ministry Committee Reports

Worship, Sue Booth reporting:

- Poinsettias may be ordered for \$11.00; pay for them when they are ordered. The flowers will be delivered on December 18th or 19th.

Education, Diane Darville:

- The committee will begin meeting on a quarterly basis.

Children's Council, Janet Boston reporting:

- Travis McDaniel, the new chair, presided over the last meeting: \$1000.+ was raised at the basket auction. The fundraiser will help send some of the thirty-three 3rd-5th graders to camp. Other fundraisers planned are Wednesday night dinner and Sunday bake sale on December 2nd and 6th respectively.
- Advent calendars with devotions have been given out.
- Watch for announcements for the many events to be held in December.
- Janet has been asked to help other churches develop children specific safe sanctuary policy(s).

Evangelism, Andrew Bosley:

- Evangelism Mission Statement: Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.
- Four sub-committees are in the process of being set up. A representative from each Sunday School class will be asked to serve on Nurture/ Care.
- Revival services are being planned for late February - details are still tentative.
- Committee will be using a Visitor Report to help track first, second, and third visits.

Other Business

October Called Administrative Board minutes:

- The minutes for the October called Administrative Board meeting were reviewed. No corrections were made. Pastor Riley moved the minutes be approved as presented. V. Ard seconded the motion and it was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Submitted by,

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Administrative Board
Recording Secretary