

Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2010

Pastor Michael: Small study groups are flourishing. The new book group will read “A New Kind of Christianity.”

Pastor Sarah: Youth ministries are going well. Two new Visitors have been trained and there will be two more in January.

Lewis: Things are going well in both the adult and ninth grade confirmation classes.

Health Updates from Ministries

Missions and Outreach Ministry: Operation Christmas Child had 47 shoeboxes filled this year, an increase from last year. All donations on behalf of the congregation are up-to-date.

Worship and Caring Ministry: All open positions have been filled for the coming term. Ushers are set for Christmas Eve services.

Human Resources Ministry: Planning for the Alban Institute evaluation is progressing, a balanced representation of the congregation has been selected and the list of questions is nearly ready. Kelly Hasenbalg has been suggested as someone to moderate the evaluation process. Staff contracts are being renewed for the coming year.

Physical Resources Ministry: The kitchen renovation project is ready to begin. The roof of the Sanctuary needs replacing. All Seasons Roofing has estimated it will cost \$11,200 with “50 year shingles”. Members are being asked to supervise the Trust Funds, several names have been considered. Bookkeeping system will be evaluated and simplified. Jubilee Covenant Pledges are still being counted. So far, \$262,815.92 has been pledged for Current Expenses and \$30,374.08 toward Missions and Outreach. There is a shortfall of about \$18,000

Spiritual Formation Ministry: Jody French is the new Nursery Supervisor for Sunday morning Worship. The Annual Retreat is January 14 – 16, 2011. A game night is planned for February 25th. A Women’s Retreat is planned for March 26. Confirmation will be March 19. April 8 – 10 will be the Spring Emmaus Weekend and will be at EGCC.

Abundant Life Ministry: There were 19 ministry positions to be filled and only 6 remain open at this time.

Other business: Can the Advent Candlelighting be highlighted somehow? Currently, a family quietly lights the candles during the prelude. Worship and Caring will discuss it. Should the Council have a “Day Away” for in depth discussion and spiritual growth? The book “Transforming Congregational Culture would be the basis of discussion.

The Annual Meeting will be January 30, 2011 after Fellowship. Ministry reports are due by January 3, 2011.

