



Hickory Flat Church

Leadership Minutes

Leadership Council Minutes 3-16-10

In Attendance:

Kendall Sherrill-*Chair*
Rev. Robert Brown
Rev. René Watson
Pat Faircloth
Kathy Faircloth
Randy Saxon
Barbara Allen
Barbara June
Brian Hays
Wayne Painter
Cheryl Mills
Julia Beavers
Paula Benton
Kelly Neely
Patricia Collier
Wanda Carlberg
Adrienne Slade
Jane Densmore
Brenda Sherer
Leslie May
Ben Harper
Regina Hammock
Fran Sutherland
Jennifer Sick

Trustees

Emergency Response policy being developed. Due to be completed in the next few months. Actively working on options for sale of 140 property. In order to safeguard progress, confidentiality is essential. Will share information as appropriate. Ask for prayers and patience.

Safe Sanctuary

The team has developed new training program. Training sessions to begin March 29 at 7pm for staff. Other general sessions: March 31 at 12:30pm, April 1 at 12:30pm, April 8 at 7pm. Monthly training after initial sessions. Training will take around 30 minutes.

Lay Leadership

Discussed meetings with Big Springs Church. They have asked for our ideas for cultivating growth in their church. Music leader needed for their church - Melanie to follow up. Kendall discussed possibility that we provide a leader to offer Financial Peace University at their church in the future.

Outreach and Missions

Outreach ministry trip to Honduras went great! Our presence has changed that community! HEAP program to sponsor 150 children this year. Two Mexico teams in planning meetings. Homeless team in progress. Disaster team to coordinate with community teams (Cherokee county, FEMA).

Worship Team

Holy week prep - Palm Sunday procession with palms with children. Seder meal will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 1. Good Friday service. Easter we will celebrate with four services 7am, 8am, 9:20am, and 11am. Leadership to consider moving to choir area on Easter Sunday. Consider moving to 8am or 11am service on Easter Sunday.

Prayer Ministry

Opened in prayer and renewed monthly prayer for fellow ministry. Beginning Wednesday, April 14, team will offer weekly prayer events in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:15pm. Schedule/information to be published soon.

Children's Ministry

Children are enjoying true children's worship service at 9:20am. We will now offer two distinct programs 11am format still larger group/small group. Faith Warriors to Atlanta passion play this Sunday. Stations of cross for children to be offered Palm Sunday 12-2:30pm start time. Tickets on sale Wednesday and Sunday. VBS June 14-19.

Community Care

Volunteer meeting on Sunday. They now have 3-4 people who have volunteered to serve in the areas of life skills training and need two volunteers to serve as MUST liaison. Working on fundraising. Working on grant proposals. Job Ministry met last Thursday with great response from community.

Connections

New member dinner was held on March 4. Welcome desk being organized. Class listing being updated. Gathering events still in the process of being assembled.

Emmaus

There was a gathering on March 6 with 35 people in attendance for Emmaus celebration. Praying for Walk to Emmaus participants. All leaders are encouraged to pray about attending a Walk to Emmaus.

Preschool

Presented proposal to offer Kindergarten for Fall 2010. This request was approved based on 12 committed families. Preschool enrollment is down, but our Preschool is still doing better than others in the community. Parents have placed ads in local subdivision papers, a banner has been placed at the church office on 140, and a Facebook fan site has been established.

Communications Update

All forms of communication--announcements, articles, inserts, etc wishing to be included for Sundays must be received by noon on Tuesday to be considered. Please send all requests to Stephanie Bulla. A Communications Guide will be issued to streamline content and establish consistency.

SPPR

Youth Minister search still in progress. Connection pastor position to be considered for revisal. We have now hired the part-time receptionist that has been in our budget (a temporary staff person was serving this role). The new receptionist is Stephanie Hanson. She has experience serving administrative capacities in United Methodist churches and her husband serves as Associate Pastor at Roswell United Methodist. Welcome Stephanie!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is very active with five new care receivers since last month! Frances Wellborn is overseeing the prayer pager ministry. If anyone is aware of someone who needs encouragement and prayer (due to illness, life transition, grief, whatever), contact Frances or René Watson to get a prayer pager.

Nursery Ministry

We have just hired two new nursery workers to replace workers who have left. A proposal was made and accept to begin charging \$5 for nursery/childcare at events that are not part of the regular Sunday/Wednesday programming schedule (i.e. - Wings Brunches, special dinners, etc.). This will help to offsite the cost of childcare and will still be a great deal for parents!

Women's Ministry

There is a WINGS Brunch scheduled for March 27 and a service project scheduled for April 17.

Associate Pastor

René has access to Survey Monkey which is a great survey tool if any ministry needs help gathering input for their ministry. A survey was recently completed with new members and the Connections Team will be meeting to look at every aspect of how we greet and treat folks in the church. We are working diligently to help connect people into the life of the church as part of their spiritual journey. Rev. René asked for prayers for Leslie May for leading the Connections Ministry.

Lead Pastor

Robert highlighted a lot of work for the kingdom being done. Reminds us God is in control. Great things are yet to come!