

Leadership Council Minutes 5-18-10

In Attendance:

Kendall Sherrill-*Chair*
Rev. Robert Brown
Pat Faircloth
Kathy Faircloth
Randy Saxon
Brian Hays
Margaret Dunn
Paula Benton
Kelly Neely
Patricia Collier
Adrienne Slade
Jane Densmore
Regina Hammock
Ben Harper
Connie Klements
Steve Micham
Wayne Painter
Wanda Becotte
Jennifer Sick

Leadership Chair (*Kendall Sherrill*): Kendall welcomed Glenn Keen, co-chair of student ministries, and noted that Lauren Ferrell is the other co-chair.

Trustees *Pat Faircloth*

The Trustees approved a request by the drum corps "Ozone" to use the soccer field for practice June 7-11, 9:30 to 5:00.

The Trustees have agreed to the purchase folding metal chairs with padded seats and two chair stackers for stacking/moving. This is being funded by designated donations. The goal is to purchase up to 100 chairs.

The Trustees reversed a prior decision and will continue to allow Boy Scout use of church vans. The Boy Scouts will pay for fuel and will clean after each use.

The investment account stake amount was set at \$750,000. Current fund level is below this amount, meaning that no funds may be withdrawn.

The main church building is in need of the following repairs:

Patching, caulking and painting windows

Exterior door repair/replacement

Building repairs are not provided in the church budget; thus, a fundraiser has been approved by Finance. The goal is \$5,000. A mission week has been scheduled for July 12-17 to accomplish these repairs.

Safe Sanctuary *Kathy Faircloth*

Safe Sanctuary training continues. Volunteers need to be retrained every 4 years.

Lay Leadership *Kendall Sherrill for Barbara Allen*

Mike Hale is contacting Reinhardt College to ask if some of their music students can help with the music at Big Springs UMC. Big Springs UMC will use our Financial Peace University material and we will supply a teacher (dates tbd).

Staff Pastor Parish Relations *Kendall Sherrill for Barbara June*

Kendall reported the hiring of Sam Halverson as our new Associate Pastor of Students and Youth.

Outreach and Missions *Brian Hays*

Due to security concerns, SERV has cancelled Mexico trips for our construction and music teams.

Hospitality *Randy Saxon for Sandra Saxon*

Step-by-step kitchen procedures are being developed.

Stephen Ministry *Margaret Dunn*

In the last month, three care receivers have made a profession of faith.

Prayer Ministry *Paula Benton*

Paula opened the meeting with Psalm 85. The Leadership Team subsequently spent time in prayer and sharing. Attendance at the Wednesday prayer meetings has been light. The meetings will continue thru the summer. This is an unstructured time from 6:30 - 7:15 PM where participants can come and go during the 45 minutes.

Children's Ministry *Kelly Neely & Patricia Collier*

Twenty-four children attended the Faith Warriors retreat the weekend of May 15 at Holbrook Campground. Another retreat is scheduled for July 9-11 at Whitewater Express in Tennessee. VBS registration is ongoing and is nearing capacity.

Emmaus *Ben Harper*

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Preschool *Regina Hammock*

108 children have enrolled for 2010-11, including 15 for kindergarten. There are still Preschool openings. A Kindergarten teacher has been hired, moving from a Preschool position.

Women's Ministry *Connie Klements*

There were 53 participants in attendance at the graduation celebration on May 16.

Lead Pastor *Rev. Dr. Robert Brown*

Rev. Brown emphasized the power of prayers of faith. He cited examples from the books of Ephesians and Jeremiah. He asked the Leadership Team to seek God in prayer, to ask God to reveal His heart to each, and to ask God for His plan for us to glorify Him. Rev. Brown closed the meeting with prayer.