

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

Chairperson Sharon Burke opened the meeting at 7:00pm with an invitation to share joys and concerns and with a devotional from the Upper Room.

Margaret Macemon highlighted the minutes. **Max Kelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Stacey Gaylord, the motion passed.**

REPORTS:

TRUSTEES: SEE WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY MAX KELTON

In addition to his written report, Max also announced that John Hathcock would be working on updating the church safe sanctuary policy.

SPRC: NO REPORT

FINANCE: Stacey reported expenditures in August were \$11,000 more than we took in and that September figures were looking similar to August. We are still positive for the year.

When we receive our refund from OG&E, it will not be in the form of a check, but will be applied toward our existing bill.

OUTREACH: Jeanne Hathcock reported a successful Mission Garage Sale with receipts of \$3100.

She announced that after the first Haiti mission meeting, 7 people had committed to the team and 13 or 14 people were prayerfully considering joining the team.

Angela Rogers will chair the Angel Tree Ministry this year.

Our church has been given 4 dates in 2012 to serve at the Alive Saturday Night meal and worship at Skyline Urban Ministry: March 31, June 30, September 15, and December 15.

Other items discussed in the Outreach meeting were a possible painting day in the CLC the first weekend in November, a “go green campaign” to eliminate the purchase and use of Styrofoam cups and plates and to encourage the use of washable mugs for coffee, and the possibility of more one day mission opportunities in 2012.

On behalf of the Outreach committee, Tim Bourne submitted a written proposal titled “Good Shepherd Mission Day”. The proposal suggested 3 one-day mission opportunities next year held on a Saturday every four months. There would be a variety

of local mission projects from which to choose appealing to all ages. This would provide mission opportunities for church members who wish to serve in missions but can't go on a traditional long-term, travel-intensive mission trip. **After discussion of the proposal, it was approved by vote of the church council.**

EVANGELISM: NO REPORT

WORSHIP: Michael Burkett reported that he has worked on a worship plan through June 2012 and has sermon themes through March 2012.

Tim Bourne told the council about an on-line planning center that he has begun utilizing that manages technical aspects of worship.

CDO/CIA: Jill Blevins reported that both programs have 6 openings and that signs have been placed advertising CIA and permission has been granted from nearby apartment complexes to distribute flyers advertising the programs through their new resident packets. She is also looking at new curriculum for both programs. There is a need for scholarship money for several families and Jill will submit a fundraiser request for these funds to the finance committee.

UMM: NO REPORT

UMW: Margaret Macemon reported that cakes were provided for the Yukon Senior Center's September birthday luncheon on September 22nd.

BOY SCOUTS: SEE WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY MICAH PARKER

REPORTS FROM OUR MINISTERS:

LEAD PASTOR: Michael Burkett announced the upcoming stewardship campaign would culminate in Consecration Sunday on November 20th. Pledges will continue to be collected through December 4th. He is looking for someone to build a cross shaped box to be used for collecting pledge cards.

Along with Cathy Childers and Karen Frazier, Pastor Michael recently visited and served communion to our shut-ins.

Recent staff training included attending Bishop's Day with several speakers including someone from the Disney organization speaking about hospitality, planning and visioning. Also, a staff retreat was held on Saturday, September 24th at the church. The staff enjoyed a time of reflecting on the past and planning for the future. The results of their brainstorming are posted in the staff center.

He also reported for Evangelism that we have several new members and another Discovering Church class will be held soon. Nanci Johnson has sold over 60 cups and has placed another order.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR/CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Christy James highlighted a calendar of children's events:

September 14- December 6 - Mission Possible Kids/Glow Kids semester (will begin again on January 18 for the spring semester.

October 1 – Czech Parade MPKids has a float (#61) in the parade and 1,000 church flyers will be handed out. Also at 4:00pm the pumpkin truck will deliver our pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch and Christy requested help with unloading the pumpkins. A thanks was expressed to Pallet World for donating wooden pallets to place the pumpkins on.

October 2-30 – The Pumpkin Patch will be open each day from 10:00am-8:00pm and Christy has sign up sheets for volunteers to staff the patch.

October 30 – Fall Festival with a wild west theme will include “trunk or treat”, crafts, and MPKids will have an inflatable basket ball net and raise money for Nothing But Nets.

December 4 – Children's christmas program, Live From Bethlehem, will be held during Sunday morning worship. The children are practicing their songs in Sunday School.

December 4 – A Night in Bethlehem

In addition to the calendar, Max Kelton reported that the Trustees had approved the painting and re-carpeting of the theatre room and the purchase of a hi-def projector from funds available for children's ministry.

Pastor Christy also reported future MPKids projects would involve collecting old cell phones for recycling through a program called Eco Cell and the collection of mittens, socks, and hats for Romania in November.

DIRECTOR OF CARING MINISTRIES & ADULT EDUCATION: WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY CATHY CHILDERS

YOUTH DIRECTOR: WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY KATY CATO

Katy also announced a youth mission trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana for the last week of July 2012.

MUSIC MINISTER: WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY LISA WHITESELL

OTHER REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS: Stacey Gaylord reported that our current insurance expires in October, however, the Conference has found a new insurance agency and the cost will increase.

NEW BUSINESS: Stacey Gaylord reported for the Budget Committee that preliminary budget requests are due on Monday, October 3rd.

Pastor Michael closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30pm.

Those in attendance:

Margaret Macemon, Ron Brown, Max Kelton, Evelyn Bourne, Wilma Goodwin, Cathy Childers, Jill Blevins, Debbie Ferguson, Michael Burkett, Tim Bourne, Katy Cato, Jeanne Hathcock, John Hathcock, Dennis Purifoy, Christy James, Peyton James, Stacey Gaylord

Submitted by,

Margaret Macemon
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