

Church Council  
October 25, 2011

**Meeting called to order** at 7:10P

Church Council Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were not available. The meeting was led by Pastor Christy and Pastor Michael.

**Review of Minutes:** No minutes available for approval.

**Reports:**

**Trustees** – Max Kelton reporting and written report submitted.

**SPRC** – Jim Poe reporting. New Policies and Procedures document was sent via email to council members today for review. This item will be tabled until next meeting so that everyone has time to review and provide feedback. Jim distributed a list of current ministry and administrative staff positions (including hours and duties) and requested feedback from the group regarding suggested additional ministerial/administrative staff.

**Finance** – Ron Brown reporting. Audits have been prepared for charge conference. The church is currently in the red. We are seeing a downward trend in giving. The church has a little in reserve from previous years. No preliminary budget will be presented at charge conference. There will be a budget meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss pledges received. Ron Brown made a motion to leave the current preacher's salaries at the current level of pay. Max Kelton second (even though a second is not required.) Discussion: Micah Parker asked why the increase in budget? Is it people or programs? Ron and Stacey shared the increase is based on the change in insurance and increase in apportionments (apportionments are based on a 3 year average).  
Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

**Outreach** – No Report

At this point, Nanci Johnson recognized that we did not begin the meeting with prayer and asked if we could do so now. Nanci led the group in a spirit led prayer. (Thank you, Nanci!)

**Evangelism** – Nanci Johnson reporting and written report submitted.

**Worship** – No Report

**Choir Director** – Lisa Whitesell reporting and written report submitted.

**CDO/CIA** – Jill Blevins reporting and written report submitted.

**UMM** – No Report

**UMW** – No Report

**Boy Scouts** – Micah Parker reporting and written report submitted.

**Senior Pastor** – Michael Burkett reminded everyone that the Charge Conference is this Sunday at 7:00P. He also reported that the Lay Leadership Committee is meeting weekly and things are going “along swimmingly.” The Stewardship Campaign is underway and Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> will be Consecration Sunday. He is especially enjoying the “changed lives moment” in worship. This past Sunday he had two people volunteer to share their story. He would also like to have a Boy Scout share.

**Associate Pastor** – Christy James reminded us that this is the last week of the Pumpkin Patch. The last day will be Monday. People are needed to sell pumpkins this week. This fundraiser has been successful in that new people are on the property and have sold \$4,000 (of that amount \$1,225 will go toward children’s ministry). Plan to do this fundraiser again next year. She also reported that we will not be doing the Advent Night in Bethlehem this year. The children’s ministry volunteers are tired and need a break. The group plans to hold the Advent program next year and begin event planning earlier in the year. Trunk or Treat is this coming Sunday. Decorate your trunks and come! Trunk or treating will take place in the west side parking lot. Encourage participants to enter via the gravel road and park in back.

**Director of Caring Ministries and Adult Education** – Cathy Childers reporting and written report submitted. Nanci Johnson added that 12 people attended the first Soul Sisters meeting and half of those were new members. The next Soul Sisters meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth Director** – No report

**Old Business** – None

**Closing prayer** led by Cathy Childers

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09P

**Those present:** Christy James, Michael Burkett, Nanci Johnson, Cathy Childers, Wilma Goodwin, Evelyn Bourne, Dennis Purifoy, Micah Parker, Jim Poe, Stacey Gaylord, Max Kelton, Trevor Kelton, Ron Brown, Lisa Whitesell, Brenda Imel, Jill Blevins

Notes taken and submitted by Cathy Childers.