

Flagstaff Federated Community Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 23, 2008

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(Master Policy under, Desert Southwest Conference)
Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER –President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

TRUSTEES & GUESTS PRESENT – 1 quest and 17 trustees present.

TRUSTEES ABSENT – One(excused)

QUORUM PRESENT – A quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER – was led by the Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS – None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA –The President-Elect moved that the agenda be approved as written. MSP

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular BOT Meeting – No meeting in the month of July
- Regular BOT Meeting – August 26, 2008 –A member moved that the minutes be approved as written.
MSP

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM REPORT –The Guest, Chairman of the Stewardship Ministry Team, was present to talk to the BOT about the 2009 campaign, **i HIGHER POWER**. It will be a mail-in campaign that will begin with packets being mailed out on Friday, October 17th. The Kick-Off Luncheon will be on Sunday, October 19th and will feature a video presentation. The Stewardship Ministry Team is asking that the BOT return their pledge cards prior to the 17th and that everyone make the effort to increase their pledge by 10%.

- The Pastor took the opportunity to thank both Sextons for all the extra work they did to help make the Presbytery Meeting and the Invite a Friend Sunday such huge successes.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Presbyterian Membership Rolls and the Minutes from November 19, 2005 to June 24, 2008 were reviewed prior to the Presbytery Meeting of September 12th. The final written report will be returned and acceptance will be voted upon by the BOT at the next meeting.
- Reminder - The Big Event – Awake! Explore! Connect! – Practicing our Faith! – October 25th at Valley Presbyterian Church
- Reminder - Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 7th
- Reminder - Charge Conference Meeting – Sunday, January 11th
- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Presbytery meeting such a huge success.
- Please get your ministry team books up to date for the new person who will take over your ministry team as liaison or for your use next year. You need to organize those things that will help a new person taking over the position. There will be several updated pages to add that will be available at the December meeting.
- Your year-end reports are due by Friday, December 12th. See examples in your notebooks from last years Charge Conference Meeting if you need help in writing your report.
- Transfer of Membership was received from the Sedona United Methodist Church It will be acted upon following the new member class.
- Shepherd of the Pines United Methodist Church, Overgaard, AZ, will host a Financial Workshop for Local Church Leaders on Tuesday, December 2nd. This information has been passed to the Finance Ministry Team.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT

- Thank you note from Campus Ministry for the use of the van to bring students from Campus Ministry to Federated. 12 students helped serve the meal at Presbytery.

- A letter to the Pastor from a visitor, a spiritual director as well as a Presbyterian pastor. She complimented Federated on being sensitive to the “deeper longing for sacred space and time that some people feel” by having Open Sanctuary time. “The statement of mission on the bulletin and your website say a lot about who you are”. She is glad to recommend Federated to her son and his family.
- A letter from City of Flagstaff, Diversity Awareness Commission, regarding the addition of sexual orientation and gender identity as a protected class in the City of Flagstaff. Public input is being sought at three meetings, in consideration of a proposed ordinance.
- A letter from the Arizona Historical Society regarding Federated facilities being used on Saturday, October 4th for a fundraiser. A member is President.
- A letter from Executive Director, FaithWorks, regarding this year’s annual banquet Friday, October 17th. Tickets are available in the church office.
- Thank you letter from Claremont United Methodist Church for their overnight stay on their way to the Sierra Service Project in Rock Point, Arizona.
- Thank you letter from FaithWorks for allowing them to “share” the pulpit on Sunday, August 24th.
- Letter from the Desert Southwest Treasurer regarding the 2009 Apportionments and Special Days and Causes for the United Methodist Church. A copy has been given to the Finance Ministry Team.
- A Moderator’s Alert from Moderator, Presbytery de Cristo: Regarding Proposition 200 that would reform the Payday Loan business in Arizona. A no vote was recommended in order to cap the loan rate at 36%, following the example of the states of Ohio, New Hampshire and Oregon. A no vote would restore the Arizona Consumer Loan Act.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S REPORT – written report is on file in the church office.

- The Program Director highlighted the Written Word Workshop on Sunday, September 28th and the Pumpkin Patch pumpkins that will arrive on Monday, October 13th.

MINISTRY TEAM PLANS, GOALS & ACTION REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – The BOT Liaison reported that bids are still being obtained for the work needed on the grease trap. The odor in the nursery and B1 has been helped by a good cleaning and time release air fresheners.

Fellowship – a written report by two members is on file in the church office. It is complete accounting of the cost of the Presbytery Meeting, including the amount that Presbytery will reimburse the church.

Finance & Treasurer – a written report by the Chairman is on file in the church office as well as the August Treasurer’s Report.

- A member reported that the finance team has decided not to make any changes in church investments at this time, with the exception of moving Legg Mason money market funds to an FDIC backed money market fund.
- He reported that August was a good month with higher than budgeted receipts.
- Capital Improvement only has \$1,800.00 left in the account and there is a \$4,000.00 verbal estimate to repair the grease trap. There is an estimate of \$21,000.00 to replace and repair the siding on the yellow house. Currently, rental Income is being used to cover the short fall in income so it is not available to be used for repairs.

Stewardship – See the report by Chairman, at the first of the meeting.

Personnel – a written report by Liaison is on file in the church office.

- She reported that most of their meeting time was spend in determining budget items for next year. She reported that Sue King has agreed to chair the team next year.

Care –Liaison reported that 25 people have been called. They have been asked if they want calls, visits or other assistance.

Worship & Music – written reports by a member and Liaison are on file in the church office.

- The Chancel Choir Director has started as the Chancel Choir and the Celebration Singers Director. There are no budget changes for 2008 but an increase will be asked for in the 2009 budget.

Church Promotion – a written report by Chairman is on file in the church office.

- She thanked everyone for their work on Invite a Friend Sunday and the Pastor thanked her for all her work that made it such a success.

Outreach & Social Action – Liaison reminded everyone about the Hunger Awareness Brunch on Sunday, October 12th at 9:45 am in Rees Hall.

- She also told them that voter registration will be held in Rees Hall, between services, on Sunday, October 28th.
- Angel Tree information has arrived and will be shared soon. Thanksgiving Baskets will be made up again this year.

Membership –Chairman reported with sadness the passing of a member. Mary passed away July 17, 2008. She was Methodist Roll #666 since March 2, 1980.

- Two new members to the membership team were announced.

Foundation Team

Discipleship – attached is the October Youth News Letter by Youth Director.

Boy Scout Troop 31 –Liaison reported that the fall pop corn fund raiser is starting. The boys will be in Rees Hall to take orders. The troop is currently working on merit their badges.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Organ Fund Update** – by agreement with Stewardship, no advertisement or solicitation for funds will be made for organ repairs until after the Stewardship campaign. It was also noted that Phase I of the organ repair project will be completed by December and that there is nothing compelling us at this time to go forward with Phase II if funds are not available.
- **UU Fellowship Proposal** – a written report by a member is on file in the church office. He put together all the information that has been gathered regarding the proposed use of Federated Church by UU Fellowship. Discussion was opened: “the facility use money would be used for Capital Improvement and General Maintenance”, “the proposal should be presented as a firm offer and not as a negotiable offer”, “the church has shared facilities with Trinity Heights and the Congregational Church in the past”.
- A member made the motion that the Memorandum of Understanding is good in principle but needs to be “fleshed” out and that the length of term should be 1 year and then re-negotiated for the 2nd year, the amount per month should be \$2,000.00. This step is only an agreement in principal and should lead to a contract that will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees. MSP

NEW BUSINESS - None

PASTOR’S REPORT –The Pastor’s written report is on file in the church office.

- The New Member Class will be held Sunday, October 19th and Sunday, October 26th.
- A Town Hall Meeting will be held Sunday, November 9th and the Strategic Plan process will be the subject.
- Strategic Plan Group – The Pastor passed out cards for the BOT to write their choice for members in the following order, 3 as number one choice, 2 as number 2, 1 as number 3. Names and numbers were written down. He will work off the suggested list and will contact each person. 6 people are needed for the group with Jed being the 7th.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS - The President thanked everyone for their candor and for taking time out of their busy schedules to be a part of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER – was led by the Pastor. He reported that a member is recovering well from hip replacement surgery.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk