

## **CHURCH CONFERENCE MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM and opened with prayer by Rev. Mike Hurley. Pastor Hurley introduced the Rev. Alex Slonin who was designated by District Superintendent, Boyd Etter, to oversee the meeting.

There was an explanation of the difference between a Charge Conference and a Church Conference and the rules governing the voting were set forth. Only members who are present can vote. A majority of the votes cast will determine the outcome. All members present were asked to sign in as evidence of their presence.

Carl Bartell, chairman of the Administrative Council, gave a brief overview of the motions that were presented by the Transition Team and adopted by the Administrative Council in October, as they related to the securing of a loan for up to \$1.4 million. He reported that our plans were presented to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference on Nov. 19 and were approved.

Ed Perry, chairman of the Transition Team, gave a comprehensive report that covered estimated costs of expenses over the next three years and approximately how much money above our current income would need to be generated in each of those years and where we might expect that money to come from. He asked, what is the risk? The worst case scenario is that we as a congregation will not increase our giving and that we will not get any new members.

### **The GAME PLAN**

1. Cover the \$44,000 increase in the budget for 2010 through an increase in weekly giving. We need \$800 per week more. Based on current attendance, this is equal to \$4.00/person per week or \$8.00/couple.
2. Use fundraising money to buy down the mortgage and pay off the mortgage in 10 years.
3. Use income generated by Thrift Store/Yard Sale to give back to the community.
4. Use fundraising and thrift store/yard sale income for the General Fund only in an emergency.
5. Start efforts to increase attendance.
6. We are beginning 2010 with \$50,000 in reserve.

### **TRUST IN GOD AND TAKE THE LEAP!!**

There was a period for questions prior to the vote.

1. Will there be a lien against the property. Yes, but it will exclude the 3.75 acres that we are trying to sell. It will also not include our Robinsonville Rd. property.
2. Will we take all the money at once or draw it as needed. We will draw it as needed but a large portion of it is expected to be used within the first 9 months.
3. How will the money from thrift store/yard sale be given back to the community? Through the Social Concerns Committee and other outreach ministries of our church.
4. Is there a target date for occupancy? Yes, probably early in the fall of 2010.

John Gladwell moved that we "approve the securing of a loan for up to \$1.4 million, the motion was seconded by Charlie Marshall. The motion was amended to include that the trustees be encumbered with the the oversight and proper administration of the loan proceeds.

Discussion on the motion: Bob Johnson spoke against the adoption of the motion due to the current uncertain state of the economy. As there was no further discussion, there was a call for the vote.

Carl Bartell explained the voting process. There are 3 choices on the ballot. Yes for approval of the motion. No to vote against approval and Abstain, to withhold a vote which could affect the outcome.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Voting took place    Yes 96    No 14    Abstain 6    The motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Schmitt at 12:55 PM