

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 6, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:10 P.M. with pledges to the American and the Christian flags, followed by prayer by Pastor Mike.

Minutes - The minutes of the December 2, 2009 Ad Council meeting were approved by Cheryl Wood and seconded by Wendy Schmitt. The motion passed. The December 10 Church/Charge Conference minutes were approved by Sandy Schipe and seconded by Lily Roadcap. Motion Passed.

Financial Report – Sandy Shipe presented the Treasurer’s Report. Harry Vercoe moved to accept the report and Bob Wood seconded. Motion passed.

John Gladwell mentioned that costs for the office copier for 2009 were above budget because of more use than projected by several church committees. This problem will be addressed during the coming year. Cheryl Wood asked that everyone who has the capability of receiving Conley’s Newsletter by e-mail sign the list for that kind of distribution in order to reduce mailing costs.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Mortgage for the New Church Building - Sandy Schipe and Ed Perry met with two local bank officers who agreed to approach the Board of Directors of their bank for a revised loan of \$1,000,000. The Board meeting was scheduled for early evening of January 7. Pastor Mike said the sanctuary would be open from 4-6 P.M. that day for prayers regarding successful appeal.
- 2) Manhattan Declaration – This literature, introduced to the Ad Council at the December 2 meeting, has been placed on Conley’s Website. Anyone supporting the document can add their signature on line. Pastor Mike said a number of people had expressed interest in taking a stand on “hot button” issues facing Christians today. A bible-oriented study of the issues is planned to begin on Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 P.M. It will be announced in the bulletins.

### **New Business**

- 1) Website Enhancements – Webmaster Carl Bartell reminded the Council that he would welcome any pictures, articles or announcements for use on the Website.
- 2) Budget Need – Ed Perry reintroduced the need for additional operating income if the mortgage is approved and we begin to support two properties. Ed offered to give another appeal to the congregations using the figures developed for this scenario. He is available to give the talks on January 16 and 17, which are also Covenant Renewal services. The Ad Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Mike Keim cautioned that we need to be careful that our repeated appeals for money do not repel new church attendees. Doug Harbaugh said that, if the Council were interested, he could supply the name of a lay person from the District Board of Lay

Ministry who has had great success in motivating increased stewardship in various churches. John Gladwell suggested we start taking an offering at Christmas Eve services. Pastor Mike said that there is an offering basket in the narthex at these services, but there was comment that not many people are aware of the basket.

3) Slate of Officers – Wendy Schmitt presented the 2010 slate of officers. It was approved by consensus with a few minor adjustments to be made after consulting with several people. Ed Perry moved that Kathy Gurschick be added to the Members at Large. Wendy Schmitt seconded the motion and it was approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees – Wendy Schmitt reported that Membership Sundays will be held on the third Sunday of every odd numbered month. The Worship Committee will meet every third Wednesday after intercessory prayer. Week of Prayer for 2010 will be held from February 17 through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Wendy also reported that LRAC and area churches will be providing assistance for those in the community affected by the Dr. Bradley child abuse case. Informational handouts are being prepared and a healing service is planned. The Safe Sanctuary Steering Committee will be meeting soon. Members of this committee will be appointed by virtue of their church positions. Appointments for director pictures are being scheduled for January 21-23, 2010.

Social Concerns Committee – Cheryl Wood stated that the committee is planning to develop better parameters/guidelines and networking in order to give appropriate assistance with the available monies. Cheryl also reported that WBOC gave \$1,250 from the Bless Our Children program to the Social Concerns Committee and the Girls Night Out group for distribution to needy children.

Missions Committee – No report.

Health Ministries – Health Ministries sponsored two Christmas caroling opportunities on December 5 where three nursing homes were visited and on December 13 where nine shut-ins were visited. Three members/families received regular meal deliveries during December. One AED/CRP class was held. Upcoming projects are Spiritual Renewal, Writing a Will, and Weight Loss/Control.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jerry said that the SPPRC plans to be more proactive, especially in praying for our pastor and staff during the transition period as we move to the new church.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Harry Vercoe said that LRAC is doing well at this time and accomplishing its goals.

Transition Committee – Nothing new at this time other than awaiting a report back from the bank regarding the second mortgage appeal.

Trustees – John Gladwell recounted the exciting morning the steeple was erected on the new church. He said work is still being done on the front door of the Fellowship Hall. The Trustees also have been involved in preparing for the second mortgage appeal.

Capital Campaign Committee – Pat Short announced the following fund raisers for January and February:

- Jan. 16 – 9:00 A.M. – Cleanup at Pavillion in preparation for yard sale.
- Jan. 27 – Grottos/Long Neck – Vouchers in Narthex
- Feb. 13 – Valentine Yard Sale – Pavillion
- Feb. 24 – Nicola's Pizza

Gwen Michael gave the latest information on the brick walkway fund raiser. The Trustees will ask Tony Legates to design the walkway.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike thanked all those in church who donate their time and talents to the many projects/outreach programs going on at Conley's. He said the Christmas Eve services went well. It was a difficult decision for him to cancel church on December 19-20. He wants to refine the church closing process and will discuss with other church leaders. The process and information on what news/weather stations to watch for closing details will be put in the bulletin. The pastor had one wedding and one funeral in the past month.

### Miscellaneous

Doug Harbaugh passed on a thank you from Randy Chambers for our donation to the Christian Athletes Fund. Our donation was critical to their meeting their budget in December.

Wendy Schmitt said the current snow removal contract covers only the parking lot. She suggested that it be expanded to cover the sidewalks to the church also.

Cheryl said a Nurturing Conference will be held at Eagles Nest on March 1-3, 2010. More information will be forthcoming.

Harry Vercoe moved to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Unruh, Secretary

These minutes are temporary until approved by the Ad Council at its next meeting.