

“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

May 6, 2009

Brenda Eaton, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Pastor Mike opened with scripture and led an open prayer. The Council pledged their allegiance to the American and the Christian flags.

The minutes of April 1, 2009, were approved, as written, by Lily Roadcap. Harry Vercoe seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report – Sandy Shipe gave a comprehensive review of the Treasurer’s Report. John Gladwell moved to accept the report; Art Honeycutt seconded.

### Old Business

1) Capital Finance Committee Reconstitution – Wendy Schmitt reported that the committee plans to start another 3-year Capital Campaign, with a special focus on new Conley’s members. Details of the campaign will be announced on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10. Pledging will begin immediately and will continue throughout the summer so that seasonal visitors will have an opportunity to participate. Wendy reminded the Council of the rummage sale for the benefit of the new building fund. The sale will be held at the church on Saturday, June 6. Participants are encouraged to give generously of their profits to the building fund. The United Methodist Women are holding a bake sale in conjunction with the rummage sale. Wendy has found some grant possibilities on line. She will research these and make further recommendations. Pastor Mike knows of another church which recently erected a new building. He will pass on to the Capital Finance Committee some suggestions that the minister of this church has given him for fundraising. John Gladwell reminded the attendees that we also need to be mindful of giving to the General Operating Fund and not let that suffer as a result of the capital finance campaign. He asked that we talk to the congregation again to point out what is needed for operating expenses.

2) Church Office Automation/Internet Access – Suzanne Leavelle reported that the internet hookup is complete. The site can be accessed only by approved personnel. Uses for the e-mail service will be developed as needed. It was suggested later in the meeting that perhaps a group e-mail could be sent as a reminder of Ad Council meetings. Wendy’s new e-mail address is **wendyschmitt@verizon.net**.

3) Social Concerns Committee Membership – Jean Unruh pointed out that Trustees had inadvertently been omitted on the Church Conference Report from the Social Concerns Committee. They have been participating, but Jean Moved and Brenda Eaton seconded a motion to officially add the Trustees to the list. This motion was approved by consensus.

### New Business

1) Church Picnic – Lily Roadcap said that, because of construction of the new building, the **church picnic will be held at our current site on Sunday, June 28**. We will again borrow a big tent. At Pastor Mike’s suggestions, we will hold a combined “**Casual Sunday**” service in the tent at 10:30 A.M. The picnic will follow the service. Those attending Saturday night service are invited to come to the combined Sunday service also. Provisions have been made to keep covered dishes hot or cold as needed.

### Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees – These three committees will no longer be meeting on Sundays. The Prayer committee will meet every other Wednesday after Intercessory Prayer.

Evangelism and Membership Committees have not yet selected a time to meet. New Member classes will be held on the night that they meet, and new members will then join Conley's the following Saturday or Sunday. Praise the Lord! – Four new members will join the church on Sunday, May 10. The Membership Committee is making a list of former regular church attendees who have not been attending recently. These members will be contacted to find out if there is a problem and to invite them back. A breakfast celebrating mothers will be prepared and served by the Men's group for women of the church on Saturday, May 16. Vacation Bible School will be held on July 6-10. It will be held at the current church location due to construction and safety issues at the new site. The Evangelism Committee will also hold a Back-to-School breakfast for Vacation Bible School students and their parents on August 1. A packet of school supplies (to be donated by church members) will be given to each child attending.

Social Concerns Committee – The Committee has not yet met but plans to meet soon. Wendy commented on an effort she is making to obtain some grant money. She warned us that the amounts are not large, but can help. Pat Short also mentioned that she is working on grocery cards which earn the church \$5.00 on each \$100 purchased; Viking cards which can be purchased and used for a 10% discount in many stores, restaurants, etc.; and holding an antique show at the Rehoboth Convention Center.

Missions Committee – No report.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Jerry Mitchell stated that the Committee had held their second quarterly meeting. They will be working on improved communications for the staff through technology and automation.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Harry Vercoe reported that LRAC would be meeting the week of May 11, so he will have a report for the June Ad Council meeting.

Trustees – John Gladwell reported that work on the foundation of the new church has begun. He noted that the construction foreman whose services are being donated has been a great help. John showed samples of the siding and roofing materials to be used. He also projected the following costs: The shell will cost \$432,242.22, for which we have enough money if we cash in the CD's. Completion of the building will cost, at today's prices, \$868,000, for a total of \$1.3 million. There will be additional unknown costs for audio/visual, kitchen, and furniture/stained glass windows. Morning Star Construction, who built the clubhouse at Baywood, has been hired as the contractor. Other projects: the front door of the Fellowship Hall has been repaired and the parsonage now has storm doors.

Health Ministries – Sue Woodward said that 18 people have taken CPR/AED training this year. Another class will be held at the end of May. She reported that our Prosperity Pumps campaign has reached completion – over 500 pairs of sneakers were donated! A celebration dinner with speaker is tentatively set for June 14.

Pastor's Report – Mike said that he and Anne had had a very rewarding vacation the previous week, accomplishing some needed chores and some recreational activities. He made four visits in the last month and conducted two weddings. He announced that a ground breaking ceremony for the new church would be held on June 14.

Cheryl Wood said that the deadline for Newsletter items would be May 15.

Harry Vercoe moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Unruh, Secretary