

Harris Chapel United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

March 27, 2011

Darrell Day called the meeting to order by reading scriptures from Hebrews chapter 11, and Danny Hall opened with prayer.

Judy Wimley read the minutes from the October 24, 2010 meeting. Discussion followed about CD amounts. Motion was made by James Curtis and seconded by Danny Hall to amend minutes to read CD balance is about \$30,000.00. Motion by James Curtis and seconded by Gina Hall to approve minutes with above changes. Motion carried

Old Business

1. It was noted that the leaks in the Pastor's office appeared to be fixed.
2. The Lease on the parsonage has expired and the tenant has moved out. The parsonage is not empty. No further discussion.
3. Church audit was discussed again. It was decided to contact a sister church to see how they handled church audits and look into this again before conference.
4. Committee Reports:

Trustee Report: Rotting boards and gutter work is needed on the church. Repair of the rotten boards is estimated at \$468.00 and gutter work could be doubled that amount. Motion by Joan Day and second by LeAnne Ealy to make needed repairs and was passed unanimously.

Parsonage: Lengthy discussion regarding the future plans for the parsonage was conducted. It was noted that other churches were selling and when the need arose providing a housing allowance for pastors. Bro Bob advised that any money received from the sale would be limited to capital improvements only and not on regular church expenses. It was decided that the church membership should be making this decision. Motion was made by Tom Nevel seconded by Darlene Judge to have the church membership vote on the issue to sell or rent the parsonage. Another Motion was made by Joan Day seconded by LeAnne Ealy to make a presentation to the church in writing and pass paper ballots to members to resolve this issue. It was noted that members should be 18, and ballots put in a box to be counted. May 1st was set as the date for presentation and vote. Motion carried.

Financial: James Curtis presented the financial report. Balances are: Operating Account \$20,188.65, Cemetery Account \$2,888.62, and Youth Account \$1,052.59. CD 1 \$6,006.06, CD 2 \$12,913.33, and the Cemetery CD is \$8,500.00 It was noted that collections are running on track. Motion was made by Danny Hall second by Jennifer Housley to approve Financial Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Worship Committee: Danny Hall advised that the songs for worship had been selected through June. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children has been scheduled for Palm Sunday during Sunday School. Easter Sunday services will be the same as in the past with Sunrise Service, Breakfast, Sunday School, and Worship. The cross will also be decorated with flowers.

Education Committee: Jennifer Housley reported that Vacation Bible School will be held July 15, 16, & 17, 201.

Mission Report: Mary Bennett reported that \$1,975.00 had be spent from the Widow's Mite fund for care packages for the deployed military and for tornado victims.

Cemetery Committee: The need to increase the price of cemetery plots was discussed. Rates suggested were: \$200.00 for members and \$500.00 for non-members. Motion made by Joan Day and seconded by LeAnne Ealy to increase cemetery plot rates to \$200.00 for members and \$600.00 for non-members. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Lawn Care was discussed. It was noted that the church needed to seek bids for lawn care and a contract needed to be developed stating dates to be mowed, and contract length. Motion by Joy Ealy seconded by LeAnne Ealy to develop and contract and seek bids for mowing church properties. Motion carried. It was noted that Mr. Caldwell should be called and told not to start mowing.
2. A small plaque honoring Donna Hall to be placed on the organ was discussed. Motion by Joan Day seconded by Darlene Judge to table until next meeting. Motion carried.
3. The awning is still leaking. Church to check.

Pastor's Remarks: Bro Bob gave thanks for all the help and love and asked for continued support. He was going to the District Superintendent's retirement and asked church for a gift.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Bro. Bob.