

Christ Church United Methodist Administrative Council Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2007

7:00 PM

CLOISTER ROOM

FACILITATOR	Rick Ashton
NOTE TAKER	Kim Keller

Agenda topics

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, OPENING
MUSIC AND OPENING PRAYER

RICK ASHTON, NICK PEAK, DAN STOKES
AND WADE WATKINS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick Ashton welcomed the group. Nick Peak sang, accompanied by Dan Stokes. Wade Watkins lead the group in prayer.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RICK ASHTON

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.
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MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

SANDY BRASHEAR

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached report from Missions and Outreach, Middle School Ministries and House and Garden.  <p>Ministry Council 03-19-07 Report</p>
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MINISTRY COUNCIL – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

LINDY EBBS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year's "Raise the Roof" will be March 22, 23, & 24th. We will be partnering again this year with Watkins UMC. The house this year will be a 2 bedroom located at 821 S. Clay St. Volunteer Information is available on the church website: www.ccum.net To raise funds, t-shirts are available for \$15, and note cards are available 10 for \$5.
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MINISTRY COUNCIL – WORSHIP COMMITTEE

DICK TONGBERG

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A worship survey was conducted and 756 surveys were completed. The results of the survey are attached. A task force will look at the results and gather additional details. The task force will report back to the administrative council at a later date.   <p>Survey Results Slide Show Survey Results Summary</p>
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PASTORS' REPORT

DR. GEORGE STRUNK & REV. JOHN HILL

DISCUSSION	<p>Dr. Strunk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our church is going through a lot of changes. Change can be difficult, but we have a vision for the future that we are focused on. • We are trying to listen to the needs of the congregation, hence the worship survey. • To stay healthy during this time of change, we are considering an update to our mission statement, and are holding communion more frequently. <p>Rev. Hill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee of church members and staff reviewed the mission statement of CCUM, and concluded it wasn't as strong as it could be. • A new mission statement was proposed, and those present were asked to take the statement to their Sunday School Classes, small groups, etc. to gather opinions and report back at the next Ad Council meeting. Is there energy around the proposed statement? • Proposed Mission Statement: <i>Our mission is to build a loving and inclusive Christian community that invites everyone to know God, to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to serve faithfully in the world.</i>
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FINANCIAL REPORT

MARK JACKSON

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed revenue is up by \$25,000 over this time last year – good results in the middle of a capital campaign. • Contributed revenue is 16% under budget year to date – we are typically under 8% - 14% at this point in the year, due to heavier revenues coming in during the 4th quarter. • Budget has been under-spent by \$72,152 so far this year. • \$5.7 million has been collected so far in the capital campaign; \$4.7 million has been spent; \$100,000 in interest has been earned.
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STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

COLLEEN ENDRES

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search committees have been formed for three staff positions. Please contact the following chairpersons if you know anyone with an interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Receptionist: Leigh Ray Full-time Director of Communications: Kathy Keadle Director of Contemporary Worship Arts: Rev. John Hill • Nancy Speas Hill has been approved by the Board of Ordained Ministries to continue on the ordination track. • Rev. John Hill has been asked to be the speaker at Metro Atlanta Project, which is a week-long youth mission project in Atlanta. He has also been invited to be the dean of a week-long Senior High Adventure Camp at Aldersgate. • Ryan Young will be working with a week-long youth camp in Canada. • The opportunities for Rev. Hill and Ryan Young are within the guidelines of the CCUM handbook. The leadership of Christ Church is looked to for assisting other congregations and United Methodist groups and we affirm their participation. 	
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you know anyone interested in the 3 open staff positions, please contact the appropriate person. 		Anyone interested.

BUILDING UPDATE

DENNY HOWELL

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will begin moving into the new Christian life building the second week of April. Sunday School classes will move in after that. • The building committee met with an acoustician and the organ maker • The Board of Zoning has approved the requested zoning adjustments and permits have been issued. We will meet with MSD over potential water problems in the back of the property. We will also meet with the Department of Transportation regarding day school traffic – will review alternate traffic pattern. • Committee is working on a timeline for the new sanctuary. At the next meeting, financials on sanctuary construction will be ready for review. Once approved, demolition will begin. • April 29 will be the last service in the chapel. • Ad Council is invited to tour the Christian life building after the 11:15 service on April 15.
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TRUSTEES REPORT

BARBIE DICKENS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trustees have been identifying what items in the chapel will be used by CCUM, what is salvageable, and have been receiving requests for specific items. • The majority of the big items (including the organ and altar) will go to Wesley Manor for a new chapel. • Charter members have asked that items be used. Some individual requests could be met. • 4th Avenue UMC, Portland Promise Center and Cavanaugh will be notified of items available. • The house owned near the church has been listed with a new agent – a CCUM member.
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

BARB SCHISLER

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship committee wants to connect with people who pledged in 2006, but have not in 2007. They have received two letters, and will be personally contacted to see if there are some areas of need. • 650 out of 1500 “giving units” have submitted a pledge. • A Crown church-wide seminar will be offered in the future.
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OLD BUSINESS

RICK ASHTON

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Kuvin will head a committee to conduct an annual review of the long range plan and report to the Ad Council in May.
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NEW BUSINESS

NANCY SPEAS HILL

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rusty Croom, Scouting Coordinator has had to resign due to work demands. James Spurgeon has been nominated to replace him.
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CONCERNS, PRAISES AND CLOSING PRAYER

DAN BURGESS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moss Point mission teams. • Prayers for Stephen Ministry and newly commission Stephen Ministers. • Dan Burgess closed the meeting in prayer. • Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM • Next Meeting will be May 21, 2007
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Respectfully submitted,

Kim Keller
Recording Secretary