

## FCC Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2010

Members present: Adam Durkin, George Eitzen, Keith Martin, Lawana Martin, Rick McRostie, Bob Sathrum, Sandy Sathrum, Leslie Savage, Noel Sutherland.

Sandy opened the meeting at 6:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She played a video which shared a simple way to spread the message of Christmas in the everyday setting of a food court at a shopping mall with selected people standing up singing The Messiah. Everyone at the food court was listening! A simple idea of "if the people won't come to church, the church will go to the people".

A time of praise and prayer was held.

Rick shared about the schedule for December and January. He is continuing the Advent sermon series on the Sundays this month. There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. He will begin the "*Just Walk Across the Room*" sermon series in January. There will be small groups on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights for further discussion on this. January 30 will be the mid-winter conference so Jeff Kessenich will be filling the pulpit. There will be a combined service and celebration on February 6, culminating the series. He has received three applications for church membership and will be meeting with each person. The new projector has been purchased and installed (thank you to John and Bill Morris) in the sanctuary.

Adam shared that the senior high had volunteered with Betty Chin's ministry over Thanksgiving break to serve meals and hand out sleeping bags and shoes at St. Vincent's. He and some of the senior high attended a ministry leadership retreat at TLC December 3-4. There were 7 churches involved with 65 students in attendance. He is looking forward to this team of high school juniors working together to study core values and becoming an extension of our church. They will be reading "*Just Walk Across the Room*" as well. The junior high is finishing their study in the book of James and will be starting a study to help discover their identity in Christ. They have an upcoming overnight "lock-in". The college group will also be reading "*Just Walk Across the Room*" and will be meeting at Adam's house on Tuesday nights in January. There will be a once a month pancake breakfast fundraiser for the San Diego missions trip. These breakfasts have been enjoyed and well attended. The youth will also be having a New Year's Day Christmas tree pick-up.

Keith shared that the plumbing repairs in the Peterson House had been completed. Some of the round tables in the Fellowship Hall are in need of repair as well as needing to purchase more. There is also more outside lighting needed on the church property.

Lawana shared that there were 98 women in attendance for the December 4 Women's Tea. The offering raised \$537 going to the short term missions fund. Dave Millot shared at the recent Mission's Committee meeting. The committee will be supporting Dave financially for twelve months at \$100 per month.

Bob shared that Kelly Martin and Mark Freitas are leading the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday nights. Since this group has a very small attendance on Sunday mornings, they have been combining with the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

George shared the financial report from November. This was a 4 Sunday month. November's spending was \$1900 more than what was taken in. Some of this overage is due to monies that are transferred each month to designated funds that are for large purchases, possibly in the future. There is a \$13,000 deficit for 2010 but we are still under the budgeted amount for the year. There had been a large transfer from the benevolent fund due to the policy stating if the fund went over \$1500 the balance would go to the Eureka Rescue Mission. The subject was raised on the accounts that don't exist anymore or are at a zero balance and what to do with them. Some discussion followed. The Memorial Funds were not included in this discussion. It was decided that Rick and Sandy would meet to create a policy for these accounts.

The audit report was circulated. Some discussion followed. A motion was made to discuss the report further at the January Council meeting.

The October and November minutes were approved as written.

The church calendar was circulated.

Sunday School and church service times were discussed. There is currently no Sunday school offered for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older during the second service. There were no advantageous reasons to make any changes at this time. Sandy will share this discussion with the new council chairman for 2011.

Rick shared that the Employee Policy Handbook is still being researched by the Pacific Southwest Conference. The Visioning Team will be sharing at the Congregational Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> on all the ministries going at FCC.

Sandy shared the 2011 budget requests. The amount requested is less than 2009 and more than 2010. Some explanation and discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjust the Major Maintenance fund to \$7200 for the year, lowering the total request to \$286,888 for 2011. A motion was made, seconded and passed to present this at the Business Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> for approval.

The Council approved the monies for Rick and Adam to attend the mid-winter pastor conference at the end of January.

Rick shared the Fellowship Hall facilities use request from Hoopster's Girls Basketball on Friday nights. Some discussion followed regarding rental policy. The group will be informed of this as well as church needs for Friday nights.

Rick shared that the Nominating Committee does not have any nominations for the position of Christian Education chairperson. A name was suggested for the Committee to contact.

Announcements included that Annual Reports are due December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Congregational Business meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., the Choir Concert will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m., the Live Nativity will be December 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and the Christmas Eve Service will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The next council meeting will be announced in January with the new Council members.

Sandy closed the meeting in prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully written and submitted,

Leslie Savage, secretary