

FCC Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2010

Council members present: Adam Durkin, George Eitzen, Paul Gossard, Keith Martin, Lawana Martin, Rick McRostie, Bob and Sandy Sathrum, Leslie Savage, Noel Sutherland, Rebecca Younger. Absent: Jeff Kessenich and Jan Hill. Sandy welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Praises and prayer requests were shared. A time of prayer was held.

Pastor Rick shared on his Sunday sermon series through the end of 2010. This will include his current series titled *The Real Thing* in the book of James taking us to the end of November. Adam will be sharing the message on October 10 since Rick will be out of town. December will bring the Advent messages on Sunday mornings. In January, he will take us through a study titled *Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels. This series will help us to learn how to be intentional about our relationships with others and there will be small groups formed for more discussion. Rick shared and circulated a letter from Lou and Roberta Davis indicating they are now worshipping in McKinleyville on Sunday mornings at New Heart church. The Sunday attendance sheet was circulated.

Adam shared about the busy summer activities with the youth as well as the busy, fall schedule. The summer was filled with game nights, BBQ's, a houseboat trip and a river trip. He oversees a Junior high leadership team of Suzi Theiss, Patric Rieke and Mike Hoffert. He is very excited about the team and their willingness to lead, giving him more time for the other aspects of his ministry. There are usually about 5-10 students in attendance. The Senior high leadership team is Andrew Haraldson, Jen Younger and Bekah Brandenburg. This group has 15-25 in attendance. There will be a parent appreciation event Saturday with information on the possible Mexico outreach summer 2011 in Ensenada. Adam feels that a mission outreach is very beneficial for the students so if Mexico is not the location then another location will be selected. There will be a retreat at TLC in October and a student leadership weekend at TLC in December. Adam and Brandon (First Presbyterian's Youth leader) are planning this event. They will recommend students from their senior high groups to attend. Adam feels there will be 7 students from FCC attending. A New Year's Eve party is being planned with the senior high groups from the Nazarene Church, Bethel, First Presbyterian and FCC. The Youth Alive group on the EHS campus has begun again with 40 students attending at lunch time singing worship songs. The Young Adult leadership team is Andrew Sathrum, Steve Eitzen and Cory Cook. They usually have 10-20 in attendance.

Lawana shared from the Missions committee. The committee voted to give Jen Younger \$250 towards her upcoming Music school in Australia. David Millot will be requesting financial support for his work with YWAM at Chico State University. The committee needs to raise more money through possible fundraising events in the near future.

Paul shared from the Worship and Music committee. Since the council had previously approved funds for a new projector for the sanctuary, John Morris is researching projectors. Also, in the near future, a new computer will be needed for the sanctuary. A Praise sing evening is being planned for November 21. December 19 will be a combined service with a Choir Christmas Cantata. The Sunday morning praise team is in a transition and needs more members. They now practice on Wednesday night. The Wednesday night prayer time has been a blessing.

Bob shared from the Christian Education committee. There are a good variety of fall classes for adults. Eric Theiss is leading the Sunday morning 4th-6th graders. There is still a need for leadership for 4th-6th graders on Wednesday nights and 1st-3rd graders on Sunday mornings.

Keith shared from the Stewardship and Properties committee. The painting is being finished in the Peterson House. He would like to possibly give Gary Fuller a thank you gift of some kind for all of his volunteered time on this project. The junior high room is being painted. John Brandenburg removed the tree from the backyard of the Peterson House. It was suggested to use the wood for a needy family or auction it off at a fundraiser.

Sandy shared that the Young Mothers group has been continuing to meet on Thursday nights and has been a blessing to all who attend. She is facilitating a Sunday morning class at 9:30 called "Crazy Love" with room for more to attend.

George shared the budget report for August. The month ended being in "the black" which is a praise! However, it was a five-Sunday month. There remains a deficit of over \$9,000 for the year.

The July Council minutes were approved as corrected. The corrected minutes should read the Council approved \$3000-\$3500 to be spent for the new projector for the sanctuary.

There was some discussion on ways to improve communication between the Council and the congregation. It was decided that a summary of the Council meetings will be in the "On Target" newsletter each month with full minutes posted on the church website as well as the bulletin board.

Sandy shared some thoughts on a previous meeting discussion of FCC prayer, planning and priorities and "The Natural Church Development" program. Some discussion followed on "how can FCC partner with our community to address many issues we all face – healthier lifestyle choices, medical issues, relationships, etc.?" Also, would a survey, using "The Natural Church Development" program, be helpful or harmful? More discussion followed. She encouraged us all to continue to be in prayer for God to show us how to bring the love of Jesus to our community.

Pastor Rick handed out copies of the volunteer job position for "Community Outreach Director". This person would work under the direction of the Pastor to design, coordinate and supervise programs that reach out with Jesus' love to the community. This would be a one year position with renewal approved by the Church Council. This person would work directly with the Evangelism and Outreach committee chair. Pastor Rick shared Char Kellogg's name for nomination. Some discussion followed with a motion made, seconded and passed to approve Char for this position. This matter will be voted on by the congregation at the December Congregational meeting.

A request was made for an all-church pancake breakfast fundraiser on October 3rd. This would benefit Jen Younger for her upcoming Music School outreach. A motion was made, seconded and passed for this fundraiser. The breakfast time will be 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The FCC Employee Policy Handbook issue is being followed up with a letter mailed from FCC to the Pacific Southwest Conference to determine what specific policies need to be addressed for church staff. It is yet to be determined who will be drafting the FCC handbook. Pastor Rick is checking with other PSC churches and will report at the next meeting. TLC has hired Kurt Barthel to draft their manual for \$2,800 and will pay an annual update of \$100-200 to keep it current. Rick received a bid to do the same for FCC and the cost would be \$1,800.

Pastor Rick shared that the Financial Seminar, presented by Mark and Kathy Hallsten in August went well with nine people attending. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the 18 hour prayer times on Friday nights.

Sandy reminded all committee chairpersons to submit their 2011 budget requests by October 30th. Also, the 2011 TLC representatives will be appointed at the October Council meeting. The Pastoral reviews will be held in October with Paul Gossard, Jan Hill, Lawana Martin and Sandy Sathrum serving on the Pastoral review committee. A Christmas decoration chair person is needed. Sandy will contact Char Kellogg about this. The Nominating committee for the 2011 Council nominations has convened. Don't forget the prayer time each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Next Council meeting is October 19th.

Paul closed the meeting in prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully written and submitted, Leslie Savage, secretary