

Southport Christian Church  
General Board Meeting  
October 16, 2008

Attendance: There was a quorum present. Attendance sheet attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Chair Cindy Ploughe welcomed everyone.

Devotions by Rick Reisinger were based on "The Gospel According to Starbucks." He then led us in prayer.

Cindy asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion to accept these was made by Brian Maple and seconded by Jan Amonette. They were approved.

Oversight Committee - Jan Amonette reported that 150 people signed up at the Ministry Fair. They are presently sorting through the volunteers. Each Umbrella Leader is trying to fill their needs with the new volunteers. Upcoming opportunities needing volunteer help will be promoted through the newsletter and on the web site. The Disciples Umbrella is perhaps too big and may be changed. Communications is working on a video for membership. Jim Ream is the voice over and Dean Phelps provided the music.

Elders - Randy Johnson reported that the Elders have divided their monthly meetings into two parts—first a study session and then general administration. Four additional people are going to help with the calling on shut-ins until the end of the year. Dave Bush said he had asked Judy Donovan for names for a replacement elder (for Al Coffey). If the elder serves more than half a term (18 months), he/she cannot serve again immediately after that term.

Deacons - Brain Maple reported that there will be a joint meeting of Elders and Deacons on November 18. We are developing a plan to greet visitors at the front door, turn them over to an Elder or Deacon in the community area, and then have the Deacon at the door seat the visitor(s) with someone in the congregation who will be helpful in orienting them to the church. A general discussion followed on how important it is to take the time to make visitors feel welcome.

Finance - Kim Maple reported that our expenses exceeded income in September. We opened a Restricted Fund account and have not written from it

Stewardship-Finance is working on updating controls on expenses. They are also contacting auditors. We need to address the fact that SCC is supposed to name an Audit Committee to review certain funds.

We need to inform members of the church about the rules regarding submitting expenses to the church.

The Audit Team and costs will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

Miscellaneous - Doug Lofton reported that Harold Graham has given a gift of \$35,000 in memory of his wife Frances. Jim Ream and Jim Eads met with Harold to receive the gift. The Board expressed much gratitude for all the Grahams have done for SCC over the years.

Stewardship Campaign - Doug reported that Randy Bradley is working on the campaign, coordinating speakers and the celebration meal on November 2. A decision was made not to count the pledges and announce the results at the luncheon but rather to make the results known as soon as possible. There will be a Leadership Dinner at Jonathan Byrd's at a future date.

Old Business - Jerry Henderson asked about the training meeting for non-profit boards which we had discussed previously. Doug said it was very expensive and is not in the budget so it is tabled for a while. Rick suggested the possibility of pairing up with another congregation and sharing the expense. That suggestion will be pursued.

Hugh Burns asked how the situation with the custodian is going. Doug said it is better and he cited Jim Eads as taking responsibility for the situation. Time is taking care of the communication problems.

Doug said he was extremely pleased by the congregation's representation at the Regional Assembly. We had 17 people there from SCC.

Visioning - A discussion on past conversations of changes in service times, etc. was held. The Board decided that more feedback is needed from the congregation and we will work in that direction.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. There will be reports on pledges vs. budget from the various teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Martin, Secretary