

Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church
Administrative Board
Minutes of Meeting
January 30, 2012

Members Present

Andrea Ley
Ethel Story
Rev Moore
Edith Lumpkin
Myrtle Soles
Boyd Soles
Tina Sherwood
Sue Rohrbach
Deborah Brazile
Harris Hamilton
Wayne Callis
Chuck Eldred
Elvin Ahl
Charles Erasmi

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was opened with a prayer by the Chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as they were published on the webpage earlier in November. Also the electronic meeting which considered Shirley Cooper's replacement on the SPRC with David Rhodes was approved. Shirley as a parttime employee of the church was ineligible to serve on SPRC. The matter was approved.

The Board approved Harris Hamilton's appointment to the Council on Ministries for 2012.

The Board accepted Joan Moore's resignation from the SPRC and approved George Ivey's appointment to the SPRC

Wayne Callis reported that John Jarvis has agreed to serve as a Trustee and the Board approved his appointment to that position. It was pointed out that at next month's meeting of the Board a chairman will be elected.

Chuck Eldred, Chairman of Finance committee announced that Wayne Callis will be a member of the Finance committee representing the Property committee. The Board approved his appointment as well as Boyd Soles to Finance. Chuck reported that the collections for January are with \$1400 of the budget. He explained that the current mortgage will be paid off this year but we would still have cds to repay to members. He further explained how we will soon begin to make complete apportionment obligations to the Conference as early as 2014.

Harris Hamilton reported that collections have been within \$1400 under budget but we would probably have been at budget but we had 5 Sundays in the month. He further explained how our attendance is about 117-125 per Sunday worship service.

Wayne Callis chairman of the Property committee reported that the Parsonage furnace still needs to be removed and that the old underground oil tank has to be pumped out and properly filled according to Federal/State guidelines. A separate contract for that is about \$900. The matter was discussed Wayne will continue to coordinate finalizing the work at the best price. He mentioned that painting in selected places around the church is to be done when weather is more suitable. He reported that the church van is still at Cliff's and needs about \$600-700 in repairs. Wayne is also coordinating the required inspection for the backflow preventer for the church water supply.

He explained how the committee has considered and approved the remodeling/raising of the organ pit. He explained how the organ has to be moved to accommodate this work that he will do. Volunteers are to be recruited to move the organ. The Board approved this work. It is to be financed by an anonymous church member.

Ethel Story, COM Chairperson, reported that the COM will have a planning retreat on Saturday February 18, 9-12 for the purpose of formulating plans for the year. She explained the York River District is having a Leadership Training Event this Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Chestnut Memorial Church. Anyone can attend and early registration is recommended. She explained that non- COM members are invited to attend.

Elvin Ahl, Chairman of Staff/Parish Relations Committee, reported that the committee has voted to request the appointment of Rev Moore for the coming year. He explained how the committee is updating the required demographic description of Crooks for Conference. He explained how this report to the conference is reported digitally and not published at the church.

Rev Moore reported as Chair of Lay Leadership that there was no activity to report.

He explained that the date for ASP trip is set for July 15th. He said that a repeat of the Passover Meal led by Dr. Koppelman is being considered for April 1st of this year. Also the District clergy is scheduled to meet on February 2 at Crooks. He said that discussion among pastors of the Episcopalian and Baptist churches about the possibility of joint services at Lent is ongoing.

The Board heard a request of Harris Hamilton and the Vision Team to erect a cross in the original style that was used by the Romans at the time of Jesus. He explained that the church will incur no expense in this and that George Ivey will construct it. He explained that it will be a permanent fixture on the front of the church to replace the current one which is decorated by members at Easter. On a motion by Myrtle Soles and seconded by Wayne Callis the Board approved unanimously the request.

The Board approved a request of Myrtle Soles that the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the York Retired Teachers Association be granted permission to use the church and kitchen for their meetings this year. It was explained how church groups prepare the meals and benefit from the proceeds.

The motion to adjourn was approved and Reverend Moore dismissed us with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Erasmi
Chairman

Andrea Ley

Acting Secretary