

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
May 21, 2007

The Administrative Council met on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 p. m. in the Meeting Room. Bill Pipkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Dr. John Fowler led the devotional, showing a video segment of "Welcome to the Family."

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

Sheila Brady, Executive Director for the Broyhill Foundation, reported that Mr. Paul Broyhill is going to provide a \$100,000 grant to FUMC in honor of two people: his sister, Allene Broyhill Stevens Heilman and his lifelong friend, Rooster Bush. The only stipulation is that the church's Christian Life Center be named to reflect the contributions of the two families over the years. Sheila noted that, when this grant is added to the \$800,000 already contributed by the families, the requirement of \$700,000 to have the center so named, will be exceeded by \$200,000. Gene Hendricks made a motion to accept the grant with its stipulation. Edward Terry seconded the motion. After a brief discussion re details of name sequence, etc., it was unanimously approved. The church will develop a short ceremony to honor Rooster and Allene. Sheila and Treasurer Gene Hendricks were applauded for inspiring Mr. Broyhill to make this generous grant, especially since past grants have been limited primarily to educational and medical causes.

Gene followed up with the budget report, noting that we are a little behind compared to last year but we should wait and see the position in September before becoming concerned. He said that we need to have collections of an additional \$4000.00 each month for the rest of the year. Increased expenses for postage, maintenance and kitchen supplies account for some of the differences. (See budget)

Bill Armfield reported that they continue to recruit scouts. They will attend Boy Scout Camp from June 23-30.

Edward Terry said that the next Trash and Treasures sale will be Saturday, June 2. He will not need additional items until after the sale. They are also planning for the Fall Auction and asked members to start planning their donations of talents, services and items.

Rev. Marietta Smith spoke of the reward she receives from helping people get their lives back on course through the help they obtain from the Christian Service Fund. Space above her office will be developed into a Prayer Room.

Susan Hayes thanked all who participated in making the church picnic and games a huge success. She specifically thanked Bill Armfield for helping pick up the food at Sam's Club. Feedback on the decision to have the food served in the CLC was favorable.

Bob Lisk said that the Young at Heart continue to thrive. Thirty attended the meeting today for a presentation by Laura Easton, RN, Caldwell Memorial Hospital CEO. They will not meet in June.

Sandra Lisk said that all UMW circles will meet next week. They plan to have a salad supper in July and are asking the ladies to bring can food to support the Christian Service Fund. Proceeds from the March Children's clothing sale were donated to Yokefellow, the Woman's Shelter and the Caldwell Pregnancy Center. The next clothing sale will be in August.

Aaron Horn reported that the youth had their end of year party this past Sunday night. After two weeks off they will start the summer program, meeting on Wednesdays and alternating between mission and purely fun activities.

Barbara Bellamy, RN, has scheduled a meeting for visitation workers for Tuesday, May 29th. A class for baby-sitters is scheduled for Saturday, June 2.

Walt Fucito, for the Finance Committee, said that things are fine.

Kent Riddle, Trustees Chairman reported that they are working on several projects: installing a small window in John's office door to meet Safe Sanctuary requirements, researching playground re-mulching, purchase of washer and dryer and clearing the storage space under the sanctuary in the Scout Room. They have relocated the old copper sign to the Columbarium area on Ashe Street and will develop an announcement for the sign.

Sara Mursch, for Missions, said that despite a few setbacks, the roof is on Elsie's house and more work was done this past week. The mission focus this month is on the Caldwell Pregnancy Center and they hope to receive more donations of diapers and layette items. Jackie Heim, who is a Habitat for Humanity board member, has asked that we try to attend the 50th house completion celebration behind Hog-wallers on June 9th from 5 to 8 p. m.

Jamie Ingle gave a follow-up report on the GED plans. John has talked with a college representative and although the need is dropping off, they would like for us to sponsor a class and would furnish the teacher. The class size for one teacher would be 8 students for 5-day a week morning sessions, probably using the Seekers Classroom. She said that we need to have more discussion on access and security issues, and cooling and heating plans. The projected first class will be toward the end of August.

Deb Ellis reported that the ladies Bible Study has recessed for the summer and will resume in September.

Gary Ball said that the Care Ministry will schedule a meeting soon.

Bill Sale, Transportation Committee, said that they are still deciding which van to purchase and still need to raise about \$20,000.

Dr. Fowler reported on some good things that are going on, including the recent presentations of "Down by the Creek Bank" and the Robbins PreSchool presentation of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." New church members will be featured at Faith Lift this week. The Western NC Conference will meet from June 6-10. Jerry and Pat Hatfield will attend as Lay Delegates. John asked that we reserve August 18th for our Council annual planning meeting.

John closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Mursch for Barbara Weiller