

Glen Mar UMC
Church Council Minutes
June 24th, 2008

Glen Lauber called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Glen began with prayer, psalm and devotion from a study guide by Ruben Job. This was followed by joys and concerns. Glen noted from the study guide the following three simple rules of discipline:

- do no harm
- do good
- stay in love with God

I. STATUS OF MOVE/WORSHIP at the NEW FACILITY

Andy Lunt and Al Hammer discussed the status of the move/worship to the new facility.

- at the staff meeting, Mandy described it as “like being on baby watch”.
- our best hope is occupancy by July 4th, but we will have to spend some time getting moved in and would not be worshipping there that weekend.
- the consensus of the transition team is move as soon as we are able to do so.
- the status will continue to be updated during worship service and through pastor’s ponderings.
- when we move, we are planning to have a single service that starts at GM and ends at NewCut.
 - assemble upstairs, prayer, etc
 - perform a ritual of leave taking
 - drive/walk at new site (taking the cross, as previously planned)
 - have service of consecration there
- on a positive note: for the permit from county (for the “moving processional”) we don’t have to apply again, we just have to let them know when we need the police officers by the beginning of that week.

Al presented some of the issues holding up the availability of the new site.

- Verizon has been the hold-up. The Fiber has to be run underneath 103. We have contacted the president of Verizon. We are now getting 3-4 calls daily from Verizon personnel with status. After 3 days they haven’t been able to get the access bored due to county regulations concerning the water main.
 - Hopefully we can have dial-tone by Friday then the July 13th worship move and July 4th occupancy permit should be possible.
- We will have July 4th celebration at the new site since it is primarily outside.

Q: Do we have the trailers yet?

Al: No. Held up by the county. Got a call from county with list of problems. Waiting on the Comments from the County. It looks like it will cost us and additional funds to put footers under the portable trailer.

Q: New Cut Road cut through.

Al: There is a pole that is in the way. Have been waiting on Verizon. Verizon & BG&E have vacated the pole, but Comcast still has to remove their cables. Verizon personnel are taking the lead to get this done.

Andy: we do have a meeting with SOFCC on July 3rd to renegotiate our lease and reduce our costs at current facility. We are hoping for a good outcome.

Andy: Conference center on our site. Baltimore-Washington Conference Study team held meeting here and visited the site. Still seriously considering it. We have meeting on July 21st with them to provide further information

II. NOMINATIONS

There are actually no nominations which needed to be voted on. Andy was simply attending to the details of separating the Leadership Team membership into "Classes", similar to the way the other Teams and at-large council are structured.

The 6 at-large Leadership Team representative classes are broken down as follows:

<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of '2010</u>
Libby Boswell	Ellen Dan	Mary Cahill
Jeff Whetstone	Mark Kohler	Eric Pine

III. FINANCE AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Jeff Carter presented the facts and figures from the current financial status and the capital campaign status (see attachments).

General Finances

- In May there was a small positive net for the month; however, we did not cover the apportionments for this month.
- There is still a YTD shortfall of around ~22K, which is a significant improvement since the beginning of the year.
- March and April were very successful months, and we did pay the apportionments for them.
- Jeff is concerned, however, that revenues continue to track a bit behind historical values YTD.
- about 114 member giving units are behind on pledges YTD.
- on a positive note: expenses are running pretty much in line with expectations so far, with the exception of the apportionments. However, Jeff does expect the ministry expenses to increase once we move as the teams adjust to the new facility.

Pledge Campaign

- The operating campaign pledges over 92% of goal.
- The capital campaign pledges are improving, but still a concern at just under 70% of goal (and even if the outstanding pledges meet expectation, they will come to ~82% of goal.
- Phil will be working through the numbers to determine if financing for Phase II can be arranged.
- We are exploring whether we can sell the annex property to SOFCC if they are interested.

Other Finance-Related Information

* Some positive news regarding our apportionments for '09. We expected them to be around \$240K, but the conference has agreed that the lease payments to SOFCC should not have been in considered in the calculation. Therefore, this should reduce our overall apportionment down to ~\$210K. (The current year is about \$180K).

Gail: on behalf of LT, we appreciate Jeff and team on the transparency provided with the financial situations as we move ahead.

IV. LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The leadership team report was reviewed by Mark Kohler. (summary report attached)

- The LT has been meeting since last September almost weekly.
- Over the past several months we met with all key ministry teams to obtain a report on activities and discuss resources needed for new site. This has educated us as to what they are doing.

- 4 Primary Conclusions have been identified
 - communication is a weakness. we need to do better.
 - Need Lay Ministry coordinator to get laity involved in activities
 - Need to address the gap in accessing data on the spiritual gifts and interests of the laity in order to get more laity involvement and interaction. Need a central repository for the data.
 - AI noted that we have the database capability to catalog all of this.
 - It appears that there is a need to organize an effort to get the data.
 - Gail and Eric would like to meet with AI to address the status of the The Here I Am Lord information
 - the parent board for youth ministry is identified a great model. We need to determine if the model can be extended to other ministries.
- Gail also noted that we need more face-to-face interactions with the laity in order to effectively get people involved and in order to communicate with the community.

AI noted that the position for Debbie Albrecht has not yet been filled, though it has been offered to three individuals. There are several other prospects which he hopes to deal with this week.

V. EVANGELISM REPORT

Since Mandy was not available due to illness, this was not discussed. (see attached report).

VI. SEPTEMBER MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Ken Harkness: John Nupp reported that this summer he plans to form a *Community Life Design Team* to address outreach in the community. It was mentioned that this team is inspired by the model of the youth ministry parent board.
- The next church council meeting will be September 23rd.
 - There is a suggestion to hear from Community Life Design Team
 - Based upon our March planning meeting, AI Hammer would like to have a preliminary report on the “ABC List” (This is the membership role modification lists which are presented at the Charge Conference). This will involve an effort to contact these persons.
 - Andy noted that before Ruth’s surgery, she led a team which actually did attempt to contact everyone on the list. (This was motivated by the desire to not send out campaign pledges without first communicating with these persons.)
 - This effort actually led to contacting two seriously ill persons for whom we are then able to provide support.
- AI will be on sabbatical for this meeting.
- Regarding the Charge Conference
 - we have a new district superintendent, Vivian McCarthy, so we don’t know her procedures yet. We probably won’t hear until late August about when our charge conference will be scheduled.
 - The B/W Conference realigned GlenMar into a newly formed “Central Md District”. This is a good thing as now most of the Howard County UMC congregations are in the same district (before there were 4 different districts).
- Glen has written blogs reporting on the Annual Conference. These blogs can be accessed at:
 - <http://thevine.glenmarchurch.org/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm after prayer concerns. Glen closed with Prayer.