

HAWKINSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2011

The Council of the Hawkinsville First United Methodist Church met Sunday, August 14, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Chairman Charles Patton called the meeting to order and Bro. John Walker gave the opening prayer.

The following persons were in attendance: (27)

Kara Bearer	Lynn Harper	Nancy Pritchett
Carol Brunsell	Barbara Lawson	Sara Spears
Nicky Cabero	Hugh Lawson	Jimmy Tripp
Liz Cowart	Mike McClain	Joan Tripp
Evelyn Dunagan	John McCune	Dennis Vickers
Vickie Dykes	Nell Mixon	Staci Vickers
Amy Finleyson	Laurie Obert-Thorn	John Walker
Bill Finleyson	Charles Patton	Linda Williams
Larry Harper	Clifton Pritchett	Paul Williams

Kara Bearer, reporting for the **Youth**, announced that 29 youth took part in the Youth Caravan in July. The youth have asked to do a Christmas musical this year and Rollie Brunsell, Debbie Boys and Sue Peavy with work with them in putting it together. The first Wednesday night program on August 24 will have the youth leading a “Family Feud” night. Thirteen youth attended a night of music and worship at Epworth. Eleven youth and adults went on a mission trip to North Carolina where they took part in helping with minor construction and conducting a Vacation Bible School. Youth Sunday will be September 18. The Youth Council will be meeting soon to make future plans.

In reporting for the **Children’s Council**, Kara said the van would make two trips on Wednesdays because of the possibility of 29 children taking part in the after school programs at the church. Kara, Nichole Lawson and Kim McClain will direct the children’s activities and choirs. New activities for the children will include a card ministry and puppet ministry.

Evelyn Dunagan, Chair of the **Happy Hearts**, announced that the group would be returning to their original name of the Senior Friendship Group. They will have their regular meeting this month with Bea Brown leading and Evelyn doing the program. Evelyn encourages all seniors to join this group.

Lynn Harper, President of the **UMW**, told of their mission trip to Open Door Community House in Columbus. Six UMW members and Bro. John made the trip taking two containers of linens and assisting the Clothing Ministry Director with organizing clothes. Another trip is

planned for the fall. On Saturday, August 10, four UMW members attended the South Georgia Conference UMW Social Action Workshop in Albany while five members attended the Americus District Prayer Brunch at the Leslie UMC. The annual UMW salad supper will be held September 12. A UMW-sponsored Mission Study will be held at our church September 24, 10:00 to 12:00, led by Paul and Linda Williams. Emphasis will be on the Williams' trip to the Dominican Republic.

Nell Mixon, **We Care** Chair, announced that her committee provided a meal for the Mark Buffington family on July 18.

Sara Spears reported that the **Hospitality** group delivered flowers to 24 shut ins since the last Council meeting.

The **Worship Committee** had no report. However, Clifton Pritchett reported that there have been a few problems with using the plastic cups during communion. Peggy Gresham and Melinda Swick, who are in charge of communion, will be told of the problem and the suggestion of using the glass cups.

Music Chair, Barbara Lawson, reported that the chancel and handbell choirs performed at Dooly Campground June 28. The Chancel Choir will begin regular practices on August 24. Once again, Barbara told of the need for more choir members.

Vickie Dykes, **Evangelism** Chair, announced that the Meals on Wheels program was going very well. She also approached the need for visitors coming to our worship services to be greeted and welcomed. Lee Arnold and Harley Lawson are going to undertake this ministry.

Missions Chair, Paul Williams reported that three people went on mission trips since the last Council meeting. He and Linda will be going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and will present a program on their trip Wednesday night, August 31. Paul also announced that Peggy Gresham has been making clothes to be given out on these mission trips. He wants all to know that all donations toward this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Education Co-Chair, Liz Cowart, announced changes in three Sunday School classes. Harley Lawson is teaching a new Young Adult Class; Casey Cobb, Doug and Casey Cannon will be leading the Middle High class; and, Millie Moore, Jeff and Lina Jones will be teaching the Senior High class. Discussing cleaning of the SS rooms and planning attendance incentives is high on the committee's list. August 21 is Promotion Sunday. This month's SS Social will be hosted by the Lucile Adams Class.

Under **Higher Education** Bro. John is collecting the email addresses from the church's college students.

Dooly Campground Representative, Larry Harper, reported on a successful camp meeting week this summer. There was some storm damage to the campground dorm building. The campground trustees are working to pick up more monetary support.

Bro. John reported for **Lay Leadership/Nominations**. This committee will be meeting September 18th and 25th to conclude nominations prior to the Charge Conference.

Reporting for the **Trustees**, Chair Nicky Cabero presented an architect's drawing of the proposed youth pavilion. Nicky recommended to the Council that it accept the plans for the pavilion and get started on its construction. Following some discussion, Nicky withdrew his recommendation and will advise the congregation of a future Trustees meeting where further requests/suggestions can be made as to the pavilion's design/construction. Funds for the pavilion amount to approximately \$70,000 (Lollis money). Dennis Vickers stated to the Council that he had talked with Jeff Lollis and Jeff has approved the building of the pavilion for the youth.

Reporting for **Building and Grounds**, Nicky talked about moving the site of the youth pavilion to such a place that would allow for the possibility of more parking. He reported that there were no leaks at the parsonage and Way Brothers is repairing the church van. The parsonage grounds have been cleaned up and some outside repairs made.

Dennis Vickers announced that the **Staff/Parish** Committee will be meeting in September to discuss salaries and employee evaluations.

Finance Chair, Hugh Lawson, reported that approximately 55% of the church budget had been collected through July. It was also reported that the feeding of the high school football team was at no cost to the church.

Stewardship Chair, Mike McClain, announced the following dates/activities for the 2011 Stewardship Campaign: October 16 - Stewardship skit; October 23, 30 and November 6 - Stewardship speakers; November 13 - Consecration Sunday.

In presenting the **Pastor's Report**, Bro. John announced that the Disciple I study will begin on Sunday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.. This study is also available to college age and young adults. He presented handouts that listed the Wednesday night programs through January 4, 2012. Bro. John also announced rather than have the Angel Tree project during the Christmas season, that girls from the Methodist Home in Americus will be adopted for Christmas giving. Church leadership is invited to attend the Bishop's Hour on September 11 in Cordele. Charge Conference will be held at our church on October 12.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 2011 meeting be approved and it so passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary