

**THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF JULY 5, 2011**

PRESENT: Dane Mills, Inez Jones, Bruce Grubb, Ron Pritchard, Sandy Williams, Jeri Burtchell, Sarah Callahan, Cathy Graham, Cindy Marancik, Eric Granlund and Pastor David.

Chair Inez opened the meeting at 7:00, and it opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2011 were approved.

Under Discussion items:

Inez initiated a discussion about implementation of the 5 practices program, including that the Radical Hospitality Team had walked around the church to review our appearance and welcoming features. The Passionate Worship Team was scheduled to meet at 7:30 on July 6th. The 9:00 Sunday school children will be led by Cassie Mergi, and the Middle School by Jeri & Allie Burtchell. It was decided that the brunch on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July would feature salads.

Inez introduced a discussion about use of the church van to transport members and visitors to Sunday worship, as a volunteer driver has surfaced. Ron, representing Trustees, presented the requested proposal. He said a memorial gift will be used to finance the van. Trustees has approved a 6 month pilot period and requested that it be evaluated by the Program Council. PC agreed and Jeri volunteered to coordinate it through the Worship Team. The proposal will go to Church Council on July 18.

The Keim Center has submitted a request for extensive use of the church facilities for their training, involving 40 of the 52 weeks a year. The request was approved by the Program Council.

Under team reports:

Sandy reported for Outreach. Cindy, representing Evangelism, reported 2 to 3 visitors a week, but contacting them by e-mail was problematic, as many did not provide their e-mail address, but a new card was being used which requested that info. Cindy also reported that after numerous attempts to complete the church directory that was started three years ago it should be put to rest. Lifetouch never cashed our check; therefore, no money was lost only an abundance of time, energy and effort. She suggested in September that a committee be formed to establish a directory for 2011.

Eric and Bruce reported for Missions that TGIF was still attracting 30 to 40 per week, that the Food Pantry was nearly empty, and the funds raised by vacation Bible School would go to the Food Pantry. July 30 will be Mission Day in our community, with morning and afternoon groups.

Spiritual Formation is working on a fall schedule for children and youth, and there are 111 signed up for Vacation Bible School as of our meeting.

Worship reported on a pew Bible replacement drive for the fall, to use the New Revised Standard Version, which has been endorsed by our denomination. We also will seek to fund 25 large-print Bibles at \$25 each, a new lectern Bible for \$300, and 100 pew Bibles for \$15 each.

Bruce Grubb reported on the activities of July 30 and 31, and that the church web site needed to be updated regularly.

Pastor David reported that the relationship between the church and the day school needs to be revised, that Charge Conference was scheduled at our church on November 14, with Lynnhaven UMC, and since both Christmas and New Year's Day were Sundays this year, he was considering having a single service at 11:00 on Christmas, without Sunday School.

Our next meeting is set for September 6, with facility use applications for church groups for the new year and budget input needed then.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Dane Mills