

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING
OF MAY 2, 2011

PRESENT: Dane Mills, Inez Jones, Bruce Grubb, Elinor Dalton, Cassie Knapp, Sandy Williams, Jeri Burtchell.

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

Under Discussion items:

Inez reported that the application form for Use of Church Facilities had been revised to be used by both church groups and groups outside of the church.

Inez also reported that the application of the Sages group for blood-pressure monitoring was approved and would begin May 22, every other Sunday.

The Council approved a new application for Gathering UMC to use the church facilities.

The Council approved a transfer of the Ties That Bind Ministry from Missions to Outreach, with a recommendation that blessings ceremonies not be scheduled on communion Sundays.

The Council then discussed the implications of posting minutes on the church web site and bulletin boards.

After extensive discussion, it was decided to announce the "Five Practices" program on June 12, 2011, with the sermons to follow from June 26 to July 31, when we would finish with a single worship service, plus a combined adult Sunday School hour, and the senior youth would teach the children. It was decided that the Pastor would decide what the schedule would be, but we recommended Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00.

Under Team Reports:

1. Lay Leader Bruce reported about the day school's request to expand to the second floor, which required better information to consider.
2. Sandy reported on Outreach that May 29, Memorial Day Sunday, would be observed with two services at the usual times, and brunch at 9:45, with Sunday School for the children.
3. Dane reported on the Spiritual Formation classes, which started strong, but faded by about half each week. It was suggested that the church consider a showing of the "Wesley" movie, and possibly a new Disciple 1 class. Dane was going to try to recruit Pat to co-teach, since they have taught it together before.

4. Youth Sunday will be held May 22.

5. Jeri Burtchell suggested we consider replacing the pew Bibles with a newer version of the Revised Standard Version, which has been endorsed by the denomination.

The minutes of the March 24 meeting were approved.

The next meeting was set for July 5, 2011.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dane at 8:28.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Dane Mills