

**Asbury United Methodist Church
Stewardship & Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2008**

Present: Jeff, Lee, Dawn, Jayne, Chuck, Kip, Michelle, Ken, Steve, Anna

- I. Jeff called the meeting to order and Michelle opened in prayer.
- II. Minutes from December meeting were approved
- III. **Budget (Steve)**
 - a. Projected expenses for 2008 - \$489,555, this includes \$19,000 principal and interest on the loan
- IV. **Financials**
 - a. \$4,131 - 2007 year end positive cash flow!
 - i. Large gift was received at year end that helped us to end with a positive balance.
 - ii. A large gift was also given to the Endowment fund in December.
 - b. Apportionments went up this year and represent about 22% of our total budget for 2008. Apportionments are based on membership, budgets, loans etc.
 - c. Currently there are 250 family units that give
 - d. December was a great month for giving, \$66,000 came in, which is 13.4% of the total income for 2007.
- V. **Changes to Projects**
 - a. Steve brought a discussion point to the group regarding how we want to handle changes to existing projects.
 - b. It was discussed that there is a difference between a) changes to a project (i.e. brands used for equipment etc) and b) new projects (i.e. something that is related to a project, but is above and beyond what was included in the original proposal).
 - c. It was decided that if a committee has a current project in the works and desires a change to the project (i.e. additional equipment, additional work to be done etc) this needs to be submitted to Stewardship and Finance as a new project proposal. Other small changes to projects (included in original proposal) are ok and understandable.
- VI. **Stewardship in 2008**
 - a. Need to continue educating the congregation on what it means to give/tithe to God.
 - b. Please think about what we can do to educate congregation and we will talk about it at the next meeting.
- VII. **Offering security at 11:00 am service**
 - a. This has been taken care of. Ushers begin the offering at the back of the sanctuary and leave the offering in the front pew with Pastor Kip.
- VIII. **Reminder: All Committee Meeting on Jan. 27**
 - a. Michelle invited all committee members to a gathering on Sunday, January 27th at noon in the fellowship hall. Food will be provided and the theme is "small group ministry." The meeting should conclude before 2pm.
- IX. **Changes/Supporting Worship Committee**
 - a. We need to be in prayer about all of the changes going on at Asbury, especially as it relates to worship service styles and schedule. The Worship committee is doing an excellent job leading this change and discovering what direction we need to go. We need to support them in any way we can at this time.

Jayne has the counter schedule and will e-mail reminders.

Next meeting is February 18, 2008. [Please note meeting is one week later than originally scheduled.]

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Suckow