

**LATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BOARD OF STEWARDS  
June 9, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Stewards of Latham United Methodist Church was held on Thursday evening, June 9, 2011, in the Choir Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Beaver, Catherine Beck, Ben Bentley, Ginny Bentley, Buddy Bishop, Rosemarie Bishop, Cal Blevins, Faye Cook, John Glaese, Tim Hastings, Jeff Langhout, Peter Loveman, Cairenn Martin, Marty Martin, George Pugh, Carolyn Peters, Dale Peters, Jane Smith, Ken Stephens, Bernice Sutton, Leisa Teed, Howard Trowbridge, Jim Williams, Betty Willis, Roy Willis

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rev. Hughey Reynolds, Rev. David Thompson, Anita Banks, Traci Harris, Susan Terry, William McRae

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Lou Rau. Rev. Hughey Reynolds opened the meeting with prayer and lit the Christ candle to symbolize the presence of God in our midst and as a reminder that we do everything in the light of Christ.

Lou Rau welcomed everyone to the meeting. He read from Hebrews 11:1-3.

**MINUTES:** Copies of the minutes from the Board of Stewards meeting on May 12, 2011 were electronically distributed to the Board members for review prior to this meeting. Copies of the minutes were available at the meeting for persons not receiving them electronically. The addition of Jane Smith, members present, to the minutes of the May 12th meeting was presented.

**ACTION:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Board of Stewards minutes, with the additional name. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lou Rau reported to the Board that actions are being looked at to perhaps make revisions to Farley Hall to make it more conducive to a Spiritink Service that is growing tremendously, and for our church, which is also growing. Based on conversations with others, Lou reported that we need a small group to work with the architect and evaluate alternatives to bring to this body for further discussion and implementation. The names selected for this committee, henceforth known as the Farley Hall Upgrade Committee, are as follows: Jeff Langhout, who will lead this committee as Chair of Trustees, Lauren Dupree Smith, Gerald Smith, Ken Stephens, Jennie Lowery, Stacey Pickens, Chris Hazelrig, Judy Gillespie, Mark Torstenson. Staff who will be working with this committee are: Hughey Reynolds, David Thompson, Traci Harris, Susan Terry, Chris

Klaus. Curtis Putnam will also be asked to give input in this endeavor. Lou will be given the responsibility to appoint other individuals as replacements, if needed, in the future. Jeff Langhout indicated that the committee would be ready to present information to the Board sometime in August. The timing of this presentation would most likely coordinate with the planning stage of the upcoming Capital Campaign.

**ACTION:** Tim Hastings made a motion that we accept the names of the Farley Hall Upgrade Committee as presented, with Lou Rau being able to appoint replacements as needed. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**STEWARDSHIP:** John Glaese reported that the team met with Dale McConnell, the RSI consultant for the 2012-2014 Capital Campaign on June 7th. Issues discussed were preliminary plan and schedule, leadership teams and their functions, events to be planned, development of visuals, DVDs, website, theme for the campaign, and the goal of the campaign. They also discussed the possible impact of the proposed Farley Hall Upgrade. The team will meet again on June 14th to continue their planning. A training session for team leaders will be held July 18th and 19th, led by Dale McConnell.

**FINANCE:** Marty Martin presented the financial report. He wanted to remind everyone that as we embark on Lifetree Cafe' and proceed with planning for the Farley Hall Upgrade, we have our ongoing missions in the budget as well as the expenses of the church that must be covered. In looking at the financial report, Marty stated that we are running slightly behind on our pledges and tithes, and more behind on our loose offerings. He expressed concern about this trend. We cannot continue this type of trend in our giving and be able to do the Farley Hall Upgrade as we would like. We do have a commitment for the Lifetree Cafe'. Marty would like everyone to encourage our fellow church members to stay faithful to their pledges and tithes and continue to give.

Hughey Reynolds did report that he had received a \$2500 check from someone for Lifetree Cafe' as well as another \$2500 check given to David for Lifetree Cafe'.

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS:** Tim Hastings reported that the team is in the process of interviewing for the Youth Minister position. They hope to have a decision by next week. He also reported that Hughey and David will remain here at Latham this next year. Vicki Tonini will be leaving for a new appointment to Belle Mina UMC. There will be a farewell reception for Vicki this next Sunday.

**LUMCCDC:** Traci Harris reported that the Summer Enrichment Program had 38 children enrolled this week. The LUMCCDC Board met last week to set their 2011-2012 budget. After comparing 6 other southeast Huntsville childcare programs, the Board made the decision to increase the tuition rates effective August 1, 2011. The registration fee and supply fee will remain the same.

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**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:**

**DIRECTOR, YOUTH MINISTRY:** William McRae submitted a report. There are many events planned for the summer, i.e. lunch club every week, a new youth video ministry team, and bible studies for Senior High and Junior High. On their first summer outing, of the 16 youth who went, 4 were visitors invited by the youth. They plan to continue inviting them and other visitors to the youth programs at Latham. The Youth Mission Trip is scheduled to leave on July 24th and return on July 30th. There will be 19 going to Livingston, AL to work with Alabama Rural Ministry. William reported they would like to do combined events with the youth from Aldersgate UMC and Monte Sano UMC in the fall.

**SENIOR MINISTER:** Rev. Hughey Reynolds reported that annual conference was held this year at Asbury UMC in Madison, which made it very convenient for all those from Latham to attend. Next year it will be held at Birmingham Southern College. Hughey will be traveling to Ireland for the Institute for Clergy Excellence. Sandy will join him at the end of the conference for vacation time together, celebrating a belated 35th wedding anniversary. Hughey will return to the pulpit on July 3rd.

There being no further business, Rev. Hughey Reynolds closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Bentley