

GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Board of Deacons Meeting
June 8, 2010

Present: Joann Brown, Jeanie Buckley, Carla Gardner, Rev. Wendy Kiefer-O'Brien, Carla Lundquist, Eric Lundquist, Phil O'Shan, Sandra Silvia, Roberta Walker, Robert Waterman, Wes Woolmington
Absent: Donald Brush (excused), Richard Perry, Steve Phillips, Mary Rathbun
Guests: N/A

Carla Gardner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Phil O'Shan offered devotions and Pastor Wendy led the group in an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May 15, 2010 meeting of the Board of Deacons were accepted as written (motion by Bobbie Walker, second by Jeanie Buckley, all in favor).

Fellowship Offering: The June 6th offering was \$125.00.

Music Committee Report: The choir will be singing through July 27th before breaking for the summer. Pastor Wendy reported that the Music Committee would meet on June 20th after church. She read a letter aloud to the Board, from Vonnie Dutton to Jane Waterman, Music Committee Chair, resigning her position as Organist/Music Director. Vonnie will be taking over the position of Music Director at her home church, due to the illness of their current organist. The letter stated her last day will be Sunday, September 5th but Pastor Wendy will try to persuade her to stay an additional week, as she will be away that day. GBC will plan a demonstration of thanks and celebration for Vonnie's years of service, and will initiate a search for a new Music Director (scope of service to be determined with the Trustees, per the budget). In addition, a new Music Committee Chair is needed as Jane Waterman had expressed a desire not to continue even before her son's injury last month. Wendy will communicate with Vonnie, so she can inform the choir of her resignation. Joann Brown will work on lining up music for Sunday, July 4th.

Pastor Wendy's Remarks:

"Revive Us Again" - The 190th anniversary of GBC was May 16th this year. Since the genesis of the church was a revival meeting, Pastor Wendy suggested having a revival celebration this fall. Proposed dates are Friday-Sunday, September 24-26. Proposed events:

Friday evening: Worship/music/song celebration service including other local choirs and outside preachers. Pastor Wendy has contact information for some youth choirs, and has asked Dick Danielson to talk to the Greenville Ensemble and the Norwood Baptist Choir about participating.

Saturday: Family-friendly daytime outdoor event with a cookout, children's activities, and a music group to play outside. We can hand out materials, perhaps paperback Bibles with a GBC label inside the front cover and GBC & ABCORI brochures, present GBC/local history, and promote the Harvest Breakfast & Bazaar. There will not necessarily be preaching on Saturday. Notes:

- Priscilla Holt and/or Mary Chakuroff could provide history of the church & area.
- Wes suggested putting up a Facebook page to seek local history
- Dr. Stan Lemons, a local historian and American Baptist, could be asked to speak
- Go to the Town Hall for additional information – it also is the town's anniversary.
- Invite local/municipal representatives

- Look at the local history section at Borders bookstore – seek out local authors
- Have an open tent with pictures & displays on tables and people talking about local history, perhaps in period costume

Sunday morning: Culmination of the revival/celebration at Sunday Worship.

General notes:

- Wendy would like to invite Donna, a pastor from VT and friend of Rev. Liliana DaValle, who also is an artist/dramatist to participate for either Friday evening or Sunday morning.
- We need dynamic speakers/preachers for Friday and Sunday.
- It would be nice to have GBC members wear their name tags for all events
- The pianist & violinist who performed at the True Blue dinner were wonderful; they do old hymns and original music. We should see if they could participate at the revival.

Logistics: Sue Guilmain and the Mission Board are interested in helping with this event, but need more people on the committee to work on the logistics, especially the publicity/promotion to the local community (Barbara McNeilly will be invited). Carla Gardner (Deacons), Dick Danielson (Moderator), and Pastor Wendy are on the committee; Joann Brown volunteered, and Eric Lundquist offered to develop games for Saturday. Someone from Trustees should be on the committee, as well as Cindy Tetrault as chair of the Social Committee. They are planning to meet in July (date TBD).

- All free/local publicity outlets should be contacted, as well as ABCORI and its member churches
- Contacting Larry Sasso was suggested, but Jeanie Buckley noted that he is not happy with GBC because he rarely gets information about church events to be posted for free in the calendar. We need to resolve the situation and establish how information should be routinely forwarded to him.
- We need to work on a church brochure to be ready in time for the revival. Eric Lundquist and Wes Woolmington volunteered to work on this. Carla Gardner will get information to them.
- What are the limits on putting up posters/signs/banners publicizing the revival on church property? Can we hang anything on the fence or building (between windows). See New Business below.

Budget: Will accept offerings on Friday evening, but need to fund the food and activities for Saturday. Donations of advertising, materials, and food will be solicited from vendors, who will be publicly credited. We will need posters and flyers. Some Fellowship Offering funds can be used for the event.

Spiritual Growth – Pastor Wendy looked back at the vision statements generated at the Missions, Deacons, and Christian Education retreats, as well as the Revival theme:

- Missions: Practice evangelism; move out of our “safe” areas
- Christian Ed.: Teaching both children & adults with limited resources; moving outside the walls
- Deacons: Promote the love of God to all people; (therefore) moving beyond our congregation
- Revival theme: We must revive our faith, then bring it out to others/the community

Spiritual growth must be **intentional**. As Deacons (spiritual leaders) we must focus on personal spirituality, so that together we can lead others. Christian Education needs prayerful support, help, encouragement, and ideas – if we don’t have teachers, GBC will not keep children/families. People are drawn to the fact that we have more Sunday school classrooms/age groups. From the 2007 survey, we want spiritual growth and to invite and increase the families/children in the church. We need to reach un-churched populations via non-worship service events.

Pastor Wendy asked the Deacons to seek out Bible verses to help us envision who we are. Use different translations; think about verses or stories that are important to you that made an impact on your life. We will conduct a small group visioning/brainstorming session on Saturday, June 26th, in the lower vestry.

Ministry of Caring:

- Stephen's Ministry: Ann Gardner and Pastor Wendy will attend the training in Texas next month.
- Military: Kudos to Jeanie Buckley for a great job in organizing a "Movie Night" package to our service people in the war zone. She will ask her contact what other items they need, and will ask them to send us pictures to be posted. Jeanie also will have the names and addresses of service people that do not receive much mail from home printed in the bulletin so church members can write to them.
- Sick/Nursing Home/Sunshine Cards: Sandy Sylvia just received the box of cards from Judy, and needs to talk to her to whom she recently sent cards. Prayer list notes:
 - Cindy Tetrault has pneumonia
 - Mary Rathbun's grandson had a bad medication reaction
 - Matt DiLuglio is out of the hospital, but he and his family need prayers
 - Ed Lariviere's father passed away
 - Rita Leach is not doing well; she & Bud both need cards, visits, and prayers
- Carla Gardner noted that Sandy Silvia and Pastor Wendy would meet about incorporating the listing of those in need of prayer into the Deacons meetings.

Worship Leaders: Joann Brown will work to fill vacant Sundays; any volunteers please contact her.

June 6 – Carla Lundquist

June 13 – Children's Sunday

July 4 – (Communion Sunday) TBD

*July 11 – Phil O'Shan

*July 18 – TBD

August 1 - (Communion Sunday) TBD

*August 8 – TBD

*August 29 – Sandy Silvia

*September 5 – TBD

*October 10 – Eric Lundquist

*Guest Preacher date – see below

Dial-A-Prayer: June – Steve Phillips (not Jeanie Buckley); July – Mary Rathbun; August – Carla Gardner

Head Usher: June – Sandy Sylvia; July – Steve Phillips; August – Carla Lundquist

Carla Lundquist will be away Sunday August 15th; Carla Gardner will cover as Head Usher that day.

Serving Communion:

July – Wes Woolmington, Don Brush, Rob Waterman, Richard Perry

August – Mary Rathbun, Steve Phillips, Phil O'Shan, Carla Gardner

Old Business

1. Summer Worship Service Time: 9:30 AM beginning June 20th (Father's Day)
2. Pulpit Supply – Worship Leaders are needed for these dates:
 - July 11 – Ginger O'Shan; Phil O'Shan will be Worship Leader
 - July 18 – Rev. Dr. Liliana DaValle; Pastor Wendy (just back from Texas) will be Worship Leader
 - August 8 – Rev. Ethel Corbin; Worship Leader TBD
 - August 29 – Rev. Barry Arruda; Sandy Sylvia will be Worship Leader
 - September 5 – Rev. Barry Arruda; Worship Leader TBD
 - October 10 – Rev. Barry Arruda; Eric Lundquist will be Worship Leader
3. Betty Huners sent a check for \$600.00 for 12 weeks of listing Greenville Baptist Church in the Providence Journal "Houses of Worship" section, starting in September. Her letter specified weekly listing. We will have up to 10 lines. Pastor Wendy will work with the Board of Deacons on the wording.

New Business

1. July 4th service – Phil O’Shan will recite “The Ragged Old Flag”
 - It may be nice to have history notes of July 4th observations at GBC in the past, especially during WWII and earlier times. Excerpts from a book of WWII letters were done in the past.
 - Perhaps provide a RI perspective on independence, as home to the First Baptist Church in America
 - Phil O’Shan will ask John Tucker if he is interested in doing July 4th research and delivering the history notes during the service; he may be persuaded to be Worship Leader also.
 - We should get red/white/blue bunting to hang on the stairs to the sanctuary
2. True Blue has volunteered to coordinate the Bazaar on October 16th, since the Missions Board will be busy with the revival celebration. It will be on the same day as the Harvest Breakfast.
3. Sandy Sylvia expressed concern about our church web site and asked if Executive Board has discussed it. Mark DiLuglio asked for pictures. Wes Woolmington will talk to him, to help get the project moving along.
4. We need to check with Dick Danielson and the Board of Trustees about the rules/regulations/limits on signs we can post for the revival.

Rolling Agenda

- Welcome Brochure – Eric Lundquist and Wes Woolmington volunteered to work on a church brochure to be ready in time for the revival. Carla Gardner will get information to them.

Pastor Wendy closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM** in the church house.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Lundquist, Secretary