

Minutes of the
Eastern Shore District Stewards Meeting
 Onley United Methodist Church
 Monday, August 8, 2011, 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Those District Stewards and Pastors in attendance (41) were as follows: Lynda Moore (Cheriton), Elizabeth Lutz (Cape Charles-Capeville), Al Crockett (Woodberry), Joyce Northam (Hallwood), Doris Mae Custis (Craddockville), Bobbie Henley (Craddockville), Christy Spurlock (Atlantic-New Church), Travis DeLoach (Christ UMC), Barb Mason (Christ UMC), Harold White (New Mission), Charles Etz (Epworth), Justine Custis (St. Johns), Gary Miller (St. Johns), Jim Eckard (Grace), Sandy and Art Mather (Ocean View), Roland Sharpley (Greenbackville), Cary Milliner (Onley), Suzanne Schmid (New Hope), Katie Kilmon (New Hope), Judy Worthington (Belle Haven-Bethel), Nancy Lewis (Woodberry), Wanda Balance (Calvary), Maury Enright (Pittsville-Pocomoke-Wattsville), Jerry Evans (Market Street), Aaron Kane (Horntown), Derek Tomek (Greenbackville), Melody Tanner (Guilford), Jonathan Tanner (Hallwood), Berkley Ashby (Epworth , District Finance Committee), Bob Chapman (Market Street), Pauline Milbourne (Metropolitan, District Finance Committee), Greg Duncan (House of Prayer –Bloxom Mission), Sandra Benson (Oak Grove), Charles Renner (Franktown), Alex Joyner (Franktown), Kathy Eberts (Cashville), Ray McGarr (Epworth), Betty Marshall (Drummondtown), George Fulk (Guilford), Chuck Parks (host pastor), Jody Hopkins (organist) and Connie Owens, Recording Secretary.

Excused absences: Don Jamison (Grace), Jon Woodburn (Cashville), Glenda Turlington (Melfa), Don Blagg (Oak Hall), Patricia Stover (Swain Memorial).

Purpose:

To consider the proposed district budget and apportionments presented by the District Finance Committee.

Host pastor, Chuck Parks welcomed us to Onley UMC.

Prayer and Devotions:

Travis DeLoach led us in prayer and devotions from "Jesus feeding the multitude" – the Holy Spirit's way of saying to us "this is pretty important". He told us the story

of how his daughter, who brought back 11 crosses from a mission trip to give to children during "children's time" one Sunday and by the grace of God she had enough to give 12 children. *Take the little bit you have and give it to the Lord and it will be multiplied.* DeLoach then asked if there was anyone that wanted to give a testimony.

Derek Tomek said that his two churches have been under some financial burden and the District Board of Missions gave them a grant recently to help with a much-needed renovation for one of the churches.

Judy Worthington shared that she went on a Mozambique mission trip last year that the District Board of Missions helped fund. Worthington said "a change takes place in the hearts of mission team members". Lynda Moore told us that she too went on that mission trip and it changed her life.

Suzanne Schmid said she has been to several training events (Lay Speaking, for one) in which district funds provided for.

Barb Mason added that thru the district funding of Lay Speaking Ministries, people are being helped to listen for their call to ministry. Mason said that approximately 20 people on the Eastern Shore District have started with the Basic Course and are now clergy in our conference.

Convening of the session:

DeLoach called the meeting to order as the presiding chair authorized by DS Tammy Estep.

Voting members of this session are: pastors and the elected District Stewards from each charge. Others present have voice only.

Nomination and election of Secretary:

Connie Owens was nominated and unanimously elected as recording secretary.

Proposals for consideration:

DeLoach proceeded to explain the process leading up to the proposal of the 2012 district budget and apportionments. District committees and boards submit to the District Finance Committee requests for funding their respective ministries. He

introduced Barb Mason, Chair of the District Finance Committee who presented the budget and apportionments proposals.

Mason stated that she was happy to announce there were no increases this year and in fact there was a decrease in the district administration fund. The Finance Committee was committed to keep the budget lower, taking in consideration the financial struggle of our local churches at this time. Mason reviewed each line item (see attached 2012 Proposed Budget) including the apportionment for Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center's Operating Fund apportionment. She asked for questions. Derek Tomek said he appreciated the Finance Committee's efforts in keeping the budget low for the small local churches with respect to the economy situation.

Motion:

DeLoach asked if there were any questions or discussion before we voted. There being none, he asked for a show of hands for those who approved the District Fund and OOTB Operating apportionments as proposed. There being none opposed, the proposed apportionments were unanimously approved.

Betty Marshall told us that she had just left from volunteering at Camp Occohannock and there is a need to fulfill close to \$4000 in summer camp scholarships. These scholarships provide help with registration fees for children of families with financial needs. She asked if churches had scholarship funds available to please send it to the camp.

Adjournment :

7:30 pm. Rev. DeLoach closed the meeting with prayer.

Connie M. Owens, Recorder pro tem.

Attached: Proposed District Budget/Appportionments for 2012

Other materials also distributed: Mission Opportunities Booklets
District Directories