

Pastoral Care Division  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2009

Present: Jean Muller, Deborah Mueller, Mary Parker, Merrilyn Long, Kathy Whittle, Paula Strobel, Martha Nye, Marilyn Shaugnessy, Buck McGarity, Judy Herrmann

Opening: Jean opened the meeting with prayer.  
The August minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Care: There was no report.

CD Ministry: Buck says the CD recorder is still not working. The CD pops out half way through the service. Kari came by our meeting to tell us Tony Piscatella said it is working now. Buck will be out of town this wkend and he will ask Tony to make copies of the CD. We need to have several people on the Team who can make copies of the CD. Buck will train members of our committee who can come at 12:30 pm Sept. 13 after the late service. It should only take a few minutes. The more of us who can do this, the better.

Visitation and Prayer Concerns: Merrilyn reviewed the prayer board and talked of pastoral care concerns. Deborah Mueller is making a prayer shawl and she plans to make more. Suzanne Chastain made a prayer shawl for Katherine Martin. Carol Ploth is also making a prayer shawl.

Rosebuds: Mary said there was one new baby in August to Bryan and Joanie Nye. Don and Martha Nye have a new granddaughter named Mary Bryce Nye! Mary is now contacting the parents of newborns to learn when they will be in church before placing the rosebud. This way the parents can enjoy the recognition and get their rosebud.

Driver Coordinator: Mary said there were no calls for rides in August. Kathy is coordinator for September. Buck gave a ride today, Sept. 1, to Hank Legare.

College Students: Martha reported that 14 students have signed up so far to be sponsored by a Sunday school class. We want to encourage the adult Sunday school classes to develop a personal relationship with their assigned students. Jean wrote some guidelines for the classes. Martha will send out reminders at the appropriate time. We will try something new this year. The classes will be given a poster board with pictures of their students to post in class as a reminder to stay in contact and pray for them. We will kick off this ministry on Sunday September 27. Members of our Team will meet at 9:45am in Lanneau Hall to pick up information from Martha and Jean. Then we each go to individual classes to distribute the information. Buck will go to the Seekers class. Merrilyn will go to Faith and Reasoning. Martha will go to Adult Discussion. Judy will go to Genesis. Marilynn will go to New Horizons. Jean will go to Bible Basics.

## **Old Business**

Sunday School Kickoff Display: We had a real nice display and we were able to save it for other occasions. Jean will suggest that the Teams put up display tables during the pig pickin since everyone comes to that. The Sunday school kick-off was well attended but mostly by those who attend Sunday school.

Question & Answer Session for Pastoral Care Visitor Program: We had a great turnout and Jean thanked all who helped. The training session will be Saturday, September 12 at 9 am in the Genesis Classroom. Mike said you can attend the training even if you do decide to not commit to being a Pastoral Care Assistant. Everyone was asked to bring some refreshments to share. We will have plenty of coffee.

Memorial Bibles: Merrilyn ordered a case of bibles and we have received them. We have five of the previous bibles left for memorials; then we will use the new bibles for adult baptisms and memorials.

Programs Planning Committee: Jean attended two meetings to plan Wed Night Live for Fall. Jean urged everyone to sign up for the Spiritual Gifts class.

Operations Manual: This is a list of our Team's major responsibilities. This was distributed.

Pastoral Care Procedure Manual – This is a brief overview of each job on the Team as well as detailed descriptions of how to do the job. We are making progress in gathering this info from the Team. Our goal is to finish by the end of the year.

## **New Business:**

Proposed Budget for 2010 – Jean handed out a copy of the proposed budget and went over it with the committee. The committee approved it for submission to Finance.

Baptism Bibles –Baptism bibles have not been given since Jan Day left. Pastoral Care will assume this responsibility immediately. We will try to gradually work backwards in time and present bibles to those people we missed. Kari gave us 16 bibles for the baby and young children's baptisms. We will have a bible assembly meeting on Saturday, October 3, at 10am in the church office. Jean asked for anyone who could to please help place bookplates in the bibles so they will be ready for distribution when necessary. We will write in the baptism names for those from 2009 and gift wrap. Mary will look into getting labels to print the bookplates .

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7pm in the Adult Discussion room.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Parker, Secretary for Pastoral Care Ministry Team

