

Pastoral Care Division  
Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2009

Present: Jean Muller, Deborah Mueller, Mary Parker, Merrilyn Long, Kathy Whittle, Paula Strobel, Martha Nye, Marilyn Shaugnessy, Diane Burden

Opening: Jean opened the meeting with prayer.  
The August minutes were approved.  
Jean introduced Diane Burden as a new committee member

Committee Reports:

Congregational Care: The report for August and September was as follows: 35 phone calls, 3 meals, 38 cards, 12 flowers and 3 visits. Camille McDougall passed away but there was no reception.

CD Ministry: Buck was not in attendance but Paula said he told her the CD player was broken again. He has put in a call to get it fixed. He will be gone in November and Paula will fill in for him if the recorder is fixed. She will call Merrilyn or Jean if she needs assistance with this.

Visitation and Prayer Concerns: Deborah and Martha Honeycutt made several calls at The Village. Merrilyn went over several prayer concerns. Kathryn Martin is home but the outlook is not good.

Rosebuds: Mary said there were no new babies in September.

Driver Coordinator: Kathy had no requests in September. Marilyn is the coordinator for October. Martha is the November & December coordinator.

College Students: Martha prepared the student lists for the classes and prepared folders for each class coordinator. Jean made posters for all the Sunday School classes with pictures of all the students they are supporting this year. We still need 2 more addresses and we have one new name which Jean gave to Martha.

**Old Business**

Pastoral Care Visitor Program: The Commissioning of the PC visitors was 10/4/09 at both services. It was very nice. The visitors are now waiting to be contacted by Mike and Lamar to receive assignments.

Memorial and Baptism Bibles: We sent a memorial bible to Camille McDougall's niece. We had a productive work session on 10/3 to prepare the bibles for 2008 and 2009. Mary made SPC bookplates on the computer on self-adhering labels. We put bookplates into 12 memorial bibles, 12 adult baptism bibles and 16 children's baptism bibles. We

addressed the baptism bibles for those baptized in 2009 & 2008, wrapped and attached the SPC card that we printed. Kari will distribute the children's baptism bibles. Jean & Merrillyn will distribute the adult baptism bibles for 2008 & 2009. In the future the baptism bibles will be prepared (bookplate addressed & gift wrapped with a personal note card) and given to the person's elder to be presented right after baptism. Jean asked anyone who could to stay after the meeting to wrap four more bibles.

Pastoral Care Policy-Procedure Manual: This is making progress but we need a few more descriptions to make it complete.

### **New Business:**

Prayer Shawls – Debbie showed us two shawls she had made and brought the gift bag for them as well as directions on laundering them. All the committee agreed they were perfect and the colors were very soothing. Debbie said Carol Ploth and Barb Powell are making some also. We next discussed how to decide who to give them to. Several names were mentioned and Merrillyn said she would take the two that Debbie made to distribute when we decided who needed them.

Special Committee to evaluate all new SPC Programs: Jean mentioned that this is a new committee and they are seeking a volunteer from each Team. If anyone is interested they should let Jean know.

Meeting Day: We agreed to move our monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month starting next month.

Date for the Presbyterian Luncheon 2010: Bo Hamilton with Programs wants to set a date for the 2010 Village luncheon. He suggested either March 11 or 18 for the luncheon. Merrillyn volunteered to call the Village and see if either of those dates was okay.

Prep for 2010: Jean said we should be thinking about new members for 2010 and new chairs. In addition to our current goals, we will be coordinating the production of the 2010 SPC pictorial directory, which is done once every three years.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7pm. Jean will find out if we can still use 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