

Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes June 12,2010

Attendees: Mary Jo Nichols, George Williams, Dick Immel, Wendell Ankeny,
Dave Weeding

I. Pastor Wendell Ankeny opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. The task of this committee is to define what this church will look like in 5 to 10 years. This includes a review of our mission and mission statement. It also attempts to outline a vision of what we might look like in terms of demographics. Finally, this committee will try to define what programs we want to enable us to achieve our mission. Of course, once programs are defined, we must then identify and prioritize what facilities will be required to support those programs.

III. Administrative Tasks

- Meetings-we agreed to meet about every 2 or 3 weeks. We felt the best meeting time would be on Thursday evening from 7PM to 9PM.
- Committee members-Wendell Ankeny, Mary Jo Nichols, Don Campbell, Dick Immel, Sara Davis, George Williams, Dan Purnell, Dave Weeding.
- Minutes-we will take turns serving as committee secretary to take minutes, and see that minutes are published in the church newsletter.
- When the work of the committee is completed we will make a final report to the congregation and ask for comments and feedback.

IV. Committee Scope

- In Phase 1 we will address our mission, outline our vision, and define what programs will be required to fulfill our mission.
- In Phase 2 we will define what facilities will be required to support our programs. Most important will setting priorities for creating those facilities. In addition, we will define an approach to financing those facilities projects.

V. Mission-is the current mission statement adequate for the future?

- The current mission statement is as follows:
 - "The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church of Port Townsend is to be a welcoming ministry; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach"
- We felt the current mission fairly well captures the essence of the mission we foresee for TUMC.

VI. Vision-what will we look like in 5-10 years?

- Some current facts:
 - About 130 members in June 2010
 - 90% retired
 - Mostly aged 60's & 70's
 - Few young families
 - Average attendance (50-60)
 - Seating capacity (150-200)
- 5 year forecast
 - About 150 members
 - Mostly retired-age 60's & 70's
 - Few young families
 - We based this forecast on what we know about the community at large. We see a continuation of an influx of retirees and little or no growth of new industry to attract young families. This last point is confirmed by what we see in terms of declining school enrollment.
- 10 year forecast
 - About 175 members
 - Same demographic as the 5 year forecast. For similar reasons as stated above.
- Mary Jo volunteered to get some community based demographic numbers.

VII. Programs

- Current Programs
 - Outreach-Habitat for Humanity
 - Outreach-Homeless Shelter
 - Outreach-Ark program
 - Bible Study
 - Methodist Men's group
 - Methodist Women's group
 - Music-Candlelight concerts
 - Music-Gospel choir
 - Music -Piano and 2 Organs
- Potential New Programs
 - Sunday school
 - Youth programs
 - Various mission outreach programs
 - Summer Music Camp
 - Small Group Dinners-"Date for Eight"
- Dick Immel suggested we solicit input from the congregation at large. Dave will make an announcement on Sunday and ask people to write suggestions for new programs on comment cards in the fellowship hall after service.