

**Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**  
**Church Council Minutes**  
**January 19, 2015**

Chair Sonny Morton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and Barry Foster led the Council in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Beth Bauman announced that Alana Mitchell will be co-chair with Melissa Herke for the Young Adult Council. Beth and Tim Navis are working on the spring children's musical. A sexuality seminar for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be offered February 26-March 1; Ann Williamson, Barry Foster, and Robert & Margaret Wooding will lead the seminar along with Beth.

For **Trustees**, Budge Kent reported that the church received a letter from the Danville Commission of Architectural Review concerning a public meeting on Oct. 23 to update the Old West End Guidelines, currently dated 1999. Mount Vernon is "on the edge" of this district. After conferring with John Ranson (Trustee and architect), Budge concluded that the changes would not affect Mount Vernon, and no action was taken. (Report from Budge on file.)

Budge also announced that members of the Life Saving Crew will attend Mount Vernon on May 17.

Tom Underwood (**Property**) reported that the only significant issue since the last meeting was a heating repair.

Barry Foster (for **Finance**) proposed that we look into the purpose of the Penn Mausoleum Fund and consider what action, if any, should be taken. Lindsay Payne volunteered to do fact-finding on the mausoleum.

Richard Turner (**Staff/Parish Relations**) reported that the Staff/Parish Committee has recommended to the Cabinet that Barry Foster be appointed to Mount Vernon for 2015/2016.

Sam Newell (**Worship**) said the Worship Committee will meet soon. Dan Waters (**Missions**) said this committee hopes to make some sort of school tutoring happen this year, and is working on the Lenten season offering. Gary Benefield (**Evangelism**) reported on upcoming Wednesday Fellowship programs. Fran Ashby (**Memorials**) said there's a healthy balance in that fund. Lindsay Payne (**Children's House Board**) said, "We are ecstatic that Children's House is growing so fast this year!"

Sonny Morton reported that he and others are identifying the changes that will come with the loss of a church sexton, and will call a meeting of the Council to make recommendations.

Barry Foster reminded Council of the Visioning event on January 25, and noted an increase in average attendance at Mount Vernon in 2014.

- Lin Benefield

*Present: Sonny Morton, Budge Kent, Dan Waters, Barry Foster, Richard Turner, Catherine Bendall, Tom Underwood, Leah Cooter, Martha Jo Hodges, Margaret Scott, Beth Bauman, Gary Benefield, Bill Smith, Sam Newell, Fran Ashby, Lindsay Payne*