

**Alabama-West Florida Conference
United Methodist Church
CORE Team
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2008**

10:02 am – Meeting began

Attendance: See attached

Welcome – Rev. Mike McKnight

Mike welcomed the CORE Team, Boards and Agencies for coming to today's meeting. He thanked Whitfield UMC and Pat Luna for hosting the meeting. Our agenda for the day was to hear from various boards and agencies and finalize the 2009 budget. He asked if everyone had three (3) documents: (1) a worship bulletin (see attached); (2) a funding request worksheet (see attached); (3) a power point slide layout (see attached). Mike thanked all of the boards and agencies for their efforts in getting in their information for the power point presentation. He reminded everyone that in previous years we had a budget review committee but now the team was moving in a new direction. Mike mentioned that Steve Furr sent his regrets due to the fact he was at a medical convention.

Special Presentation – Rev. Neil McDavid

Neil McDavid told everyone about a special "gift" that was given to Gulf Shores UMC. A donor gave everyone in the congregation a ten dollar bill (\$10) and challenged each individual to use this "gift" to help others during the holiday season. Neil, too, distributed the ten dollar bill to those present and encouraged them to spread the "gift" throughout the Christmas season (see attached).

Scripture for the meeting – Psalm 24

Stand for the reading of the scripture and verse 1 of "For The Beauty Of The Earth" (UMH No. 92)

PRESENTATIONS (see attached)

- Presentation No. 1 – Dumas Wesley
- Brenda Carlisle

- Presentation No. 2 – Mobile Metro and Mobile Inner City Mission
- Rev. Tonny Algood

- Presentation No. 3 – Nellie Burge
- Edwina Jackson

PERSONAL PRIVELEGE

Mike McKnight gave a word of thanks to Curtis Henderson for his service to the Alabama-West Florida Conference Office. Mike also thanked Bishop Paul Leeland for being present.

Standing in the singing of verse 2 of "For The Beauty Of The Earth" (UMH No. 92)

- Presentation No. 4 – Noah’s Ark
- Rev. J. Michael Bryan

- Presentation No. 5 – PCCT
- Rev. Glen Butler

- Presentation No. 6 – ARM
- Lisa Pierce

11:10am – Break

11:30 – Resume meeting

Stand for the reading of the scripture and verse 3 of “For The Beauty Of The Earth” (UMH No. 92)

- Presentation No. 7 – Board of Communications
- Rev. Michael Lawler

- Presentation No. 8 – Board of Church & Society
- Rev. Joe Reams

- Presentation No. 9 – Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
- Rev. Amy Persons Parkes

- Presentation No. 10 – Alabama-West Florida Conference Historical Society
- Dr. Bob Couch

PRAYER REQUEST

Meredyth Earnest read an email she received from Rev. Mike Roberts during the meeting stating that Rev. Jack DeJarnette is waiting on a kidney transplant.

12:00pm – Lunch Break

12:40pm – Resume meeting

Stand for the reading of the scripture and verse 4 of “For The Beauty Of The Earth” (UMH No. 92)

- Presentation No. 11 – Board of Advocacy and COSROW
- Carolyn Davis

- Presentation No. 12 – Hispanic Ministry
- Martha Rovira

- Presentation No. 13 – Board of Laity
- Helen Edwards

- Presentation No. 14 – UMM

- Juddy Stephenson
- Presentation No. 15 – Blue Lake
- Rev. Marvin Vickers

Stand and sing verse 5 of “For The Beauty Of The Earth” (UMH No. 92)

- Presentation No. 16 – Board of Discipleship
- Pat Luna
- Presentation No. 17 – Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries
- Rev. Joe Mullen
- Presentation No. 18 – Board of Global Ministries/Milk & Honey Outreach Ministries (see attached additional document; not included in PowerPoint presentation)
- Rev. Neil McDavid

2:00pm – Break

2:10 – Resume meeting

Questions for the Agencies

Agencies were excused from the meeting

Discussion was held throughout the CORE Team. A large portion of the discussion was about salary for David Goolsby and the Blue Lake Program Director.

3:00pm Broke into small discussion groups

3:25pm Resumed meeting

Pat Luna spoke on behalf of the Board of Discipleship and said they would reduce their 2009 request from \$55000 to \$45000.

Michael Lawler spoke on behalf of the Board of Communications and said they would reduce their 2009 request.

Motion made by Dan Morris – Fund the Conference Boards at the 2008 level and the difference would be spaced out between the agencies for their 2009 award.

A second was made by Jim Sanders

An amendment was made to the motion by Neil McDavid – Make a 15% reduction to the Boards and award 60% of each agency’s 2009 request.

A second to the amendment was made by Shirley Woodie.

Pat Luna spoke in favor of the amendment to the motion.

Dan Morris spoke against the amendment to the motion.

A vote was taken on the amendment to the motion: **YES = 6; NO = 8**. The amendment to the motion made was not passed.

Dan Morris made his original **motion** again: Fund the Conference Boards at the 2008 level and the difference would be spaced out between the agencies for their 2009 award.

A vote was taken on this motion. **YES = 10; NO = 3**

Motion carried.

Francis Turner made a **motion** to appoint a group to decide on the fund allocation.

Don Kirsch **second the motion**.

A vote was taken on this motion. **YES = 7; NO = 3**

Motion carried.

The **group** was named: Amy Persons Parkes, Dan Morris, Frank Dunnewind, and Mike McKnight. They will meet on Friday, December 19, 2008 at 10am.

4:15pm Meeting was dismissed with prayer.