

WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TRANSITION TEAM MINUTES
November 12, 2009

The Transition Team met Thursday, November 12, 2009, in Room 202. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with opening prayer by Chairperson Larry Mettling. Those present were Jim Ingram, Larry Mettling, Bryant Kost, Bill Amerson, Cecil Knight, Annette Gadlage, Tammie Ivey, Dennis Shireman, Lynn Owen, and Maggie Short. Cindy Kanning, Allen Adams, Vaughan Hankins and Mike Hunt could not make the meeting.

Bill Amerson made a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. Jim Ingram seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairperson Mettling and Vaughan Hankins, Interim Facilities Coordinator, continue to look for interim locations for worship and office space that would be less expensive than the two contracts we have.

1. They toured Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. The building has lots of room but is in very, very bad shape inside. Pastor Hunt stated that the Church did not have funds to reopen the facilities and that we would have to be responsible for replacing the carpeting and tile, removal of asbestos, reconditioning of the boilers, painting and cleaning. He also stated that the FLC, kitchen and offices on the lower level had flooded four times since June. Pastor Hunt stated that he and the Trustees of Morton Memorial strongly recommended we look elsewhere.
2. Rev. Gary Cooper, Main Street United Methodist Church, met with Mettling and Hankins to tour their building. The building could be used on Tuesday and Thursday evening for meals and small groups but not on Wednesday evening. There is very limited space. The only hot water available is in the kitchen and two bathrooms on the first floor. The church is presently renting out two rooms to a private company for pre-school. Parking is limited. There is no space for youth and children programs nor for storage. Rev. Cooper is not sure of the response of the Trustees of Main Street United Methodist to the possibility of Wesley renting space.
3. Chairperson Larry Mettling talked with Jessie Ballew. Ballew has an empty building on Elm Street formerly Evans Furniture. It has 19,000 square feet and would rent for \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month which is the same as our existing contracts. Parking is limited. Ballew was more interested in selling the building than renting it. If he rented to us, he wanted the option to sell the building or rent it to another company at a higher rate but would give us the right of "First Refusal". He stated that we would have 60 days to vacate the building. Mettling said that he told Ballew that he could not negotiate a lease under those terms.

The committee brainstormed about other locations that could serve as interim facilities. Such as:

- New Albany-Floyd County School System (They no longer rent buildings on a long-term basis).
- The Calumet Club Building
- Masonic Temple
- Walgreen and Social Security Building on Charlestown Road
- Sprigler's Building on Green Valley
- Salvation Army
- 4-H Fairgrounds
- Robert E. Lee
- License Bureau
- Green Tree 10 Theater

- State Street Baptist Church
- Church on 5th and Spring Streets across from Coyle Chevrolet
- Coyle Chevrolet Building on Spring Street
- Any hotels
- Any Bank Community Rooms

Having an abundance of sites to visit, Chairperson Mettling closed this discussion.

Chairperson Larry Mettling, Bill Amerson, and Jim Ingram divided the list and will make appointments to visit suggested sites. They will bring to the next meeting the pros, cons and costs of each location visited. The committee will make a final decision at the next meeting on the best location at the best price for the interim location.

The December meetings of the Transition Team will be December 3, 2009, 6:30 pm, Room 202 and December 17, 2009, 6:30 pm, Room 202.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting closed at 7:45 pm with closing prayer by Dennis Shireman.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Short, Secretary