

Minutes: Council on Ministries  
June 28, 1983

The Council on Ministries met at 7:00 PM on June 28. Steve Conger opened the meeting with prayer and Maurice Ritchie chaired the session with Tom Stark, Donna Elium, Ellen Sewell, Shirley Few, Bill Martin, Bob Cox, Rick Haverly, Holly Eggleston, Tom Coble, Bill Wilson, Houston Blair, Nancy Stark, Hazel Terhune, Steve Conger, and Barry Sickles present.

The next Council on Ministries meeting was scheduled for July 26. At that time it was requested that all work areas should prepare and submit budgets for the coming year. This information is needed by the Finance committee for their September meeting. Last year's budget information will be made available for use as a guide. It was requested that each work area take the responsibility to understand what funds and budgeting they are responsible for. Bill Selph would be happy to help each group to understand their individual position in this task.

Bill Martin has been asked to chair a committee to examine Terrific Tuesday. Ruth Phelps, Mary Wanger and Bill Wilson will serve with him. The square dance originally slated for August 2 has been rescheduled to Aug. 30.

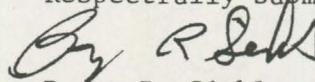
The Goals for 1984 set out at the early June retreat were reexamined. Amid overall approval, it was suggested that Tom Stark reword our goal for Churchwide Communication while maintaining the basic elements set out at the retreat. Brief explanation for the purpose of the Church Census is also needed. Several short goals will also be combined for the sake of brevity. A final form will be determined at our July 26 meeting and submitted to the Administrative Board in August. It was suggested that beside each Goal, groups that could offer help toward the implementation of that particular area be cited. Perhaps each work area Secretary could take the responsibility of offering such help through the Council on Ministries.

Tom Coble suggested a position of Church Archivist could someday be established. This could eventually emerge as an ongoing committee.

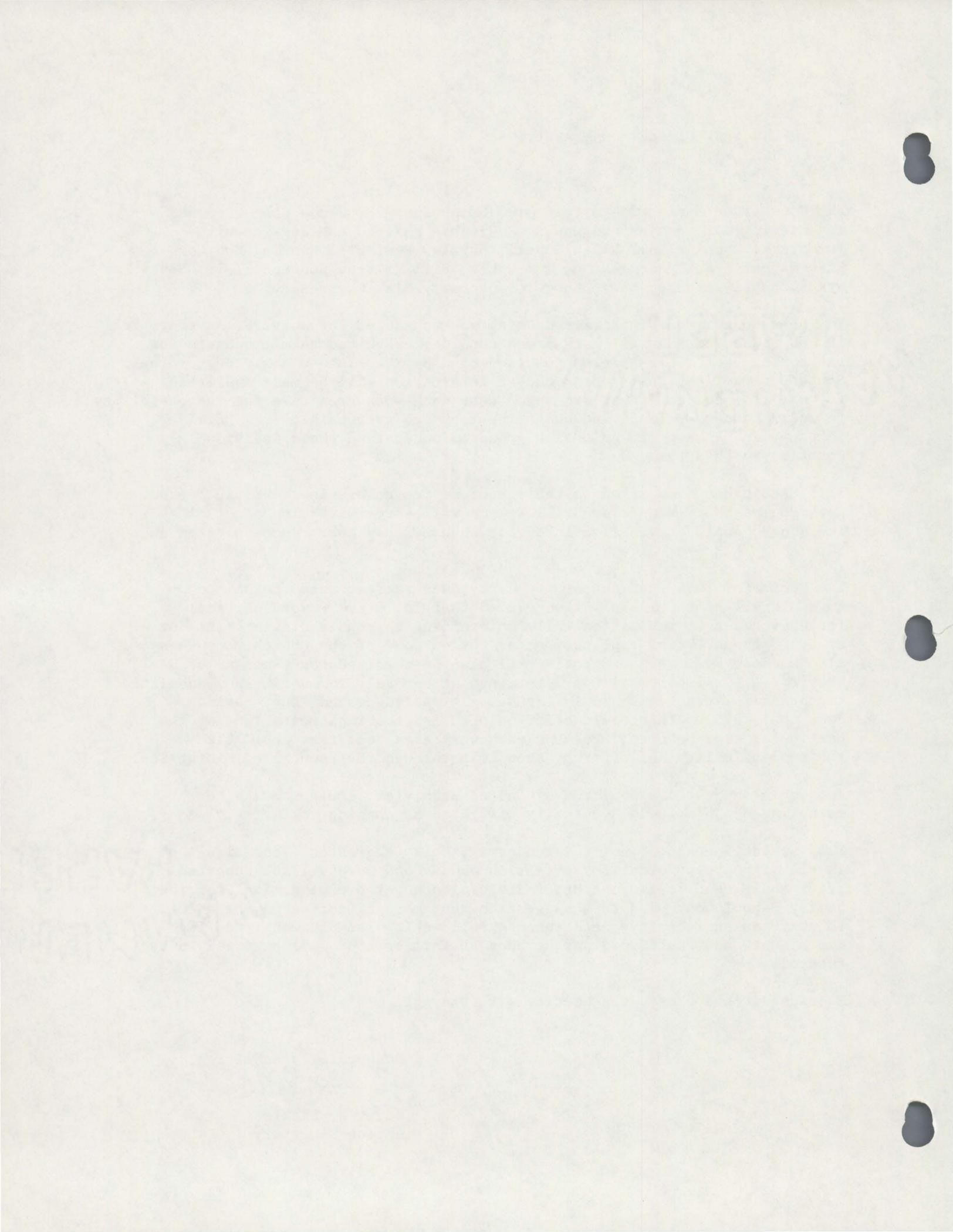
Fall scheduling and planning is underway. Holly Eggleston (education) is planning a new format for promotion Sunday and more will be reported after their next meeting. A brief discussion about prompt arrival for the Sunday School hour led to a suggestion that morning coffee may be able to serve as an incentive, and enhance fellowship. The September "coffee experiment" was reaffirmed and perhaps an earlier hour will be tried in the future.

Maurice Ritchie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barry R. Sickles  
Acting Secretary



SUGGESTED REWRITE OF COMMUNICATIONS GOAL:

1. To bring together our congregation through increased communication by a) soliciting wider input into the decision-making process, b) increasing the understanding of the decision-making process, church organization and liturgy, c) informing the congregation of decisions made and of concerns generated in the work areas, and d) identifying and publicizing the various ministries of Duke Memorial.

7. To continue and strengthen family ministries and intergenerational fellowship, Terrific Tuesdays, and United Methodist Men.

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NEXT MEETING of Council on Ministries will be on July 26 at 7:00 p. m. in the Library. Please come prepared to discuss budget for 1984. Barry Sickles will chair this meeting.

