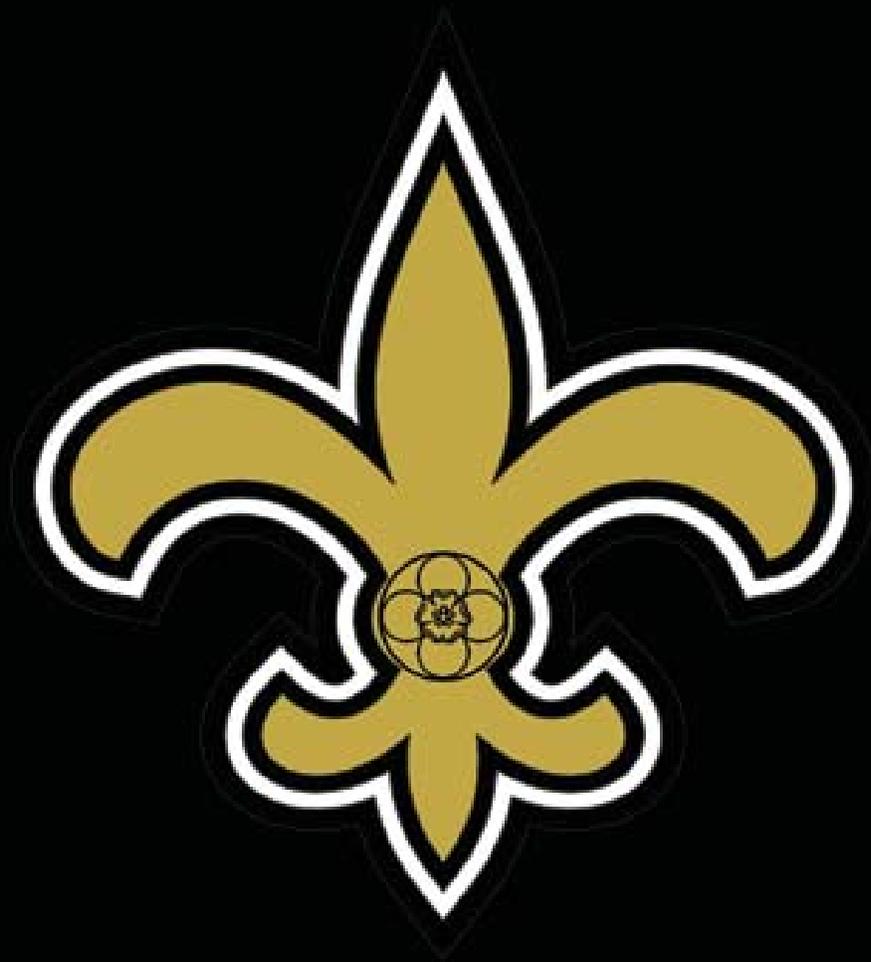


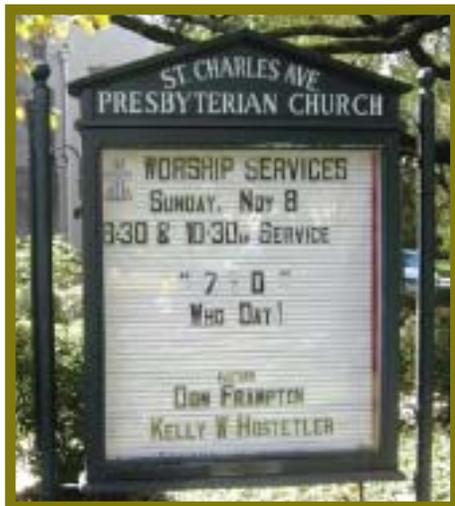
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Agenda
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 7, 2010

- 1. Call to Order Don Frampton, Moderator
 - 2. Opening Prayer Kelly Hostetler, Vice Moderator
 - 3. Declaration of Quorum and Purpose of Meeting Robert Stickney, Clerk
 - 4. Distribution of Annual Reports Ushers
 - 5. Election of Congregational Nominating Committee* Lynn Hoffman, Chair, Leadership Development Committee
 Bruce Worley
 Josh Beezley
 Lynn Hoffman
 Randy Evans
 Kathy Randall
 Mary Dawn Pugh
 Allison Slatten
 - 6. Presentation of 2010 Church Budget Holly Sharp Snodgrass, Vice Chair, Finance Committee
 - 7. Resolution for Waterproofing* Holly Sharp Snodgrass, Vice Chair, Finance
Don Charles, Chair, Property Committee
- RESOLVED, that based on recommendations from the Session, the Property and the Finance Committees, the Property Committee is authorized to spend up to \$420,000 to engage the Durable Restoration Company and P&L Painting Contractors to conduct waterproofing repairs to the Sanctuary, the Chapel Building and the Education Building. The source of funds to pay for this work will be from the Visionary Fund; specifically, \$192,348 from the Frances Evans Property Maintenance Fund and the remainder from the Maddox Property Maintenance Fund.*
- 8. Presentation of Changes in Terms of Pastors' Calls* Laura Shields, Chair, Personnel Committee
 - 9. Remarks Don Frampton, Moderator
 - 10. Closing Prayer Don Frampton

***For action**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Chair: Courtney Frankowski****Vice-Chair: Stewart Peck****Bible Adventures**

The Children's Sunday School Classes (Kindergarten -3rd grade) continued with the Workshop Rotation Method. The theme for 2009-2010 is Quest and we have been studying different characters from the Bible including Joseph and his brothers, Zaccheus, Mary Magdalene, Paul, as well as Christmas and Easter around the world. Each week the children are separated into two groups, Kindergarten - 1st grade and 2nd -3rd grade. They rotate to different workshops each Sunday including drama, storytelling, art, recreation, cooking and computers. The students start each class with a Faith Focus that has included Psalm 23, Christmas songs and the books of the New Testament. During class they earn Bible Bucks for attendance, participation and memorization these can be redeemed at our Redemption Center for prizes and gifts.

Challenger Class

Our 4th and 5th grade group, The Challenger Class, continues to have a strong presence. In October, 10 students went on a weekend retreat to Ticfaw State Park where the theme was Building Christian Character. This year the students have studied the history of the Bible, John Calvin and the sacraments and they have concluded with the Life of Christ. In the spring, 10 fourth-graders received their Bibles from the church.

Pre-schoolers

Pre-school age children continued to attend their own Sunday School Class and were provided with childcare during worship. A combination of paid sitters, church members and youth helpers provided childcare for pre-schoolers, toddlers and infants during services.

Vacation Bible School

This year we moved VBS to the first week of June which seemed to work well. Our theme was "SonRock Kids Camp". We had 70 participants (23 SCAPC children and 47 other children) and 19 youth (9 SCAPC youth and 10 other youth). We introduced a climbing wall this year as well as traditional favorites, snowball stand and spacewalks.

**LIGHT house**

The Wednesday afternoon program for children in Grades Pre-K – 5 continued this year with the inclusion of Pre-K students. We met from 4:00 – 6:00pm for Bible study, choirs and dinner. Students in pre-K – 1st grade are divided into two groups and 2nd – 5th grade meet with Dr. Frampton. This year the students prepared Easter and Christmas performances and went on several field trips including the Valentine's Day Tea at Lambeth House.

Youth Sunday School Classes

The Youth Sunday School class (6-12) is using the web-based curriculum Akaloo and learning how to "Serve the Lord." They have been learning how to be a biblical, global, local, and personal servant of God. In January, the Youth Group led the 10:30 service on Youth Sunday.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 continued to meet on Sunday evenings under the leadership of Ellen Shields. Michele Murphy and Ellen Shields conducted the confirmation class in February culminating in May. There were 10 confirmands. They attended a retreat in Feliciana with other area youth groups. During the summer months, students took trips to Mo-Ranch and Montreat.

Nursery School

The Nursery School continued to offer weekday programs for 100 children under the leadership of Keflyn Fransen. Summer camp and other programs were organized throughout the year.

Adult Sunday School

We have had the opportunity to offer many diverse adult classes throughout the year including Stewart Peck's book reviews of *The Road Less Travelled*, the *Power of Myth* and the *Meaning of Jesus*. We also offered classes including a relationships class led by Rev. Dr. Walton Ehrhardt and a study of *Praying in Color* by Kelly Hostetler. Starting in the fall Stewart Peck led a class on the video, *God on Trial*, and we had an intense, month-long discussion of John Calvin to celebrate his 500th birthday. The Bible Exploration Class continues to study books of the Bible each semester.

Summer Sundays

During the summer months, the church offers one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. This year's topic was the Stories of David. The children were invited each week to join a special program on each story being studied, and they enjoyed many different activities including art, storytelling, cooking and recreation.

These programs were made possible by the hard work, long hours and dedication of the leadership of our Director of Christian Education, Michele Murphy; Youth Director, Ellen Shields; the guidance of our ministers and support from the church staff and involvement of the congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Frankowski, 2009 chair



COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Chair: Walter Harris

Vice-Chair: Bonnie Hovencamp



Introduction

In 2009 the Community Ministry Committee (CMC) continued the involvement of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church (SCAPC) in the life of the Greater New Orleans community. The CMC established a number of important rules and processes for conducting its internal affairs, but equally important, it took steps to ratchet up levels of accountability expected from organizations and agencies receiving funds disbursed from the church. Through CMC, SCAPC supported 14 agencies or projects during 2009 including clinics, shelters and various homeless initiatives, tutoring, and school and educational programs. These programs were funded with a budget of \$166,761, administered through CMC. It is clear that SCAPC continued its tradition of making strong and vital contributions to this community through the following agencies and programs.

Supported Ministries

Carrollton United

CMC Coordinators: Mary DeWitt Dukes, David White

Carrollton United is a neighborhood organization representing the Carrollton area, which includes RHINO's Ferry Place site and the Uptown Shepherd's Center. CU has been organizing the local residents and businesses in the area, as well as addressing their concerns and supporting worthwhile projects. Approximately 600 youth were served through various projects this year. This organization serves as a liaison between the neighborhood association and the RHINO Ferry Place project. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Attending neighborhood organization meetings
- Providing financial support
- Continuing consultation with the public schools in the Carrollton area identified for potential support from Church: Johnson School, Priestley School

CPUMI- Covenant Urban Presbyterian Ministries Institute

CMC Coordinator: Sandy Hartman

CPUMI centers its service program in the Central City community and often partners with Berean Presbyterian Church on projects. CPUMI provides many services, including food distribution, operating a business center, organizing medical services, providing a prescription drug service and coordinating health fairs. 415 persons were served by the food bank; 100 children and parents participated in educational programs; and 500 community support and technical services were provided. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Attending executive staff meetings
- Volunteering by Presbyterian Women at most food bank events
- Providing financial support for:
 - Prescription eye care
 - Interim prescription drugs
 - New Orleans food bank

GED

CMC Coordinators: Ann Van Horn, Patricia Livingston

GED provides classes four days a week for adults seeking their high school equivalency certificate. The program enrolled 18 students in 2009; two dropped out. Our church provides the program with physical facilities and financial support. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing salaries for two instructors
- Providing school supplies

Ministry of Hope at First Presbyterian Church

CMC Coordinator: Walter Harris

Responding to the growing issue of homelessness in our area, First Presbyterian Church (FPC), New Orleans began offering a homeless ministry. It provides such services as: housing/shelter vouchers, bus tokens, lunches, hygiene items, clothing, household items, counseling, prayer, worship, spiritual care and support, and much more. SCAPC, through CMC, joined in collaboration with FPC last April to offer financial and clothing assistance and volunteerism to support that ministry. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing a substantial financial contribution as the result of a special collection
- Providing several donations of clothing and hygiene items
- Providing lunches to the homeless for a month
- Providing a number of volunteers to work with various aspects of the program

New Orleans Mission

CMC Coordinator: Bob Cannon

Founded in 1989, the New Orleans Mission is one of largest providers for the homeless in the city, providing free shelter, food, clothing, job training, adult education and substance abuse rehabilitation programs for those in need. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing funds to offset operating costs of the facilities

Raintree Services

CMC Coordinator: Kathy Randall

Founded in 1926, the mission of Raintree has been to give once abandoned, abused or neglected children an opportunity to live within a family setting and become self-sufficient, responsible persons. This organization provides youth with a vital link to community support services, including developmental disability case management services, private family foster care, a loving home-like residence for girls and teaching at-risk children how to stay safe and avoid drugs and alcohol. Raintree served 528 children and families during 2009. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Actively participating on the board of directors
- Providing meeting place opportunities
- Organizing three parties and preparing food, ordering supplies
- Providing funds to offset operating costs of the facilities



Reconcile New Orleans

CMC Coordinator: Walter Harris, Jr.

Founded in 1996, RNO provides services for disadvantaged, at-risk Central City youth. Participants receive on-the-job culinary and construction work training, as well as referrals and job placements. This program is widely known for its culinary training, and hospitality program, "Café Reconcile." Over 70 young adults participated in the training program in 2009. As a consequence, many lives have been changed. The facility is currently being renovated to provide additional training space and activities. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing funds to sustain continued operation

**RHINO- Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans**

CMC Coordinators: David White, Pat Rosamond

RHINO provides housing for low-income families through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity New Orleans. SCAPC sponsors building on Ferry Place in the Hollygrove neighborhood. Currently fourteen new homes have been built on Ferry Place. More than 3,000 volunteers from across the nation have come to Louisiana to participate in RHINO since 2005.

Church activities in 2009 included:

- Hosting community work days at the construction site
 - Providing leadership for RHINO in its participation in the community.
- RHINO is financially self-supporting.

Sojourner Truth Academy (STA)

The 2008-2009 school year was the initial year for STA. It educated over 100 ninth-grade students. The students have benefited at STA from both a longer day and longer school year program. STA operates under a type 5 charter, which means it is open-access to anyone who lives in Orleans Parish. Its charter is for five years. SCAPC began supporting this project in April of 2009. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing funds for students to participate in community service projects, which include working at homeless shelters, working at Audubon Zoo, weeding and maintaining Lafayette cemetery
- Volunteering (10 SCAPC members) to work on the end-of-year celebration for students and faculty

St. Thomas Clinic

CMC Coordinator: Charlie King

The Clinic was started as a community clinic in 1987 to provide the highest quality health care to urban New Orleans, regardless of ability to pay. This independent institution is the largest and most comprehensive health care facility for the uninsured in New Orleans and receives large amounts of support from other medical services in the community. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the clinic

S.T.A.I.R. - Start The Adventure In Reading

CMC Coordinators: Mary Lou O'Keefe

Founded in 1985, STAIR is a volunteer-based, non-profit children's literacy organization that provides reading tutors for public-school, second-grade students. During the 2008-2009 school year, STAIR operated 26 tutoring sites, including two at SCAPC, serving 250 students from 33 public elementary schools in Orleans, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes. In addition, SCAPC had over 30 of its members participate as tutoring volunteers or serve on either the STAIR Board or Advisory Council during 2009. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Actively participating on the board of directors
- Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the program

Uptown Shepherd's Center

CMC Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

The USC operates an activity center serving a group of about 150 multi-ethnic Uptown seniors each week. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for its members and maximize independence by learning new skills and sharing with others. Services include meals and transportation. Activities also include: chair exercises; Yoga; computer; sewing/quilting/knitting; *Bible Study*; line dancing; board games; Wii bowling; Spanish class; Tai Chi; poetry; Great Decisions; speaker forums on health, exercise, medical care; LSU nursing student monthly blood pressure checks; grocery shopping trips to Winn Dixie by van; drama class and performances for the CAC. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Serving on the Board and attending all Board Meetings
- Volunteering (especially three members) multiple hours on a weekly basis
- Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the center:

Victories in Service, Inc.

CMC Coordinator: John Martin

Located in the Lower Ninth Ward, its mission is: "To serve as a catalyst and change-agent to uplift our youth and families toward their fullest potential." Components include character and leadership skill development; physical fitness and baseball; parental involvement and parenting education; aesthetic development through the arts (choir). Church activities in 2009 included:

- Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the center

White Gift

CMC Coordinator: Heather Pomfret

White Gift is solely a church program that provides Christmas gifts for almost 200 needy people and families. Church members select gifts to purchase, and then all gifts are donated at the White Gift Sunday worship service in December. These gifts are then distributed to individuals and families in time for Christmas. Church activities in 2009 included:

- Fully executing this program



Respectfully Submitted,
Walter Harris, Jr., PhD, 2009 chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Ann Van Horn

Overview

Congregational Care provides care and support for members of the congregation experiencing emotional, physical and spiritual needs, assisting the clergy where possible.

Ministries

Pantry Ministry: The committee sponsored two congregation-wide meal drives and provided containers and recipes for members to use to prepare meals. Church members responded with great generosity and energy. In the spring, more than 60 meals were collected and subsequently delivered to members in need. In the fall, 53 meals were collected and then delivered to church members who have endured a hospital stay, long-term illness, new baby, unexpected crisis, a move or a death.

Correspondence: Roney Morton continued to write notes to our members for all occasions. Gail LeMarie sent birthday cards to SCAPC seniors.

Baptismal Cloth Samplers: The Baptismal Cloth sampler project is headed by Judith Halverson with assistance from Jennie Steele, Linda Patrick, Carol Pointer and Dr. Wendi Adams. The committee gives a sampler cloth to each member family having a child baptized under 5 years of age. The sampler cloth is inscribed with the child's name and date of baptism.

Blood Drive: Gail LeMarie and the Committee organized the most successful blood drive SCAPC has ever had, through Ochsner Clinic Foundation. A raffle was held for donated prizes, such as a weekend stay at a country estate. Each of the 36 donors was entered into the raffle and many won prizes.



Presbyterian College Fellowship: Our ministry to college students continues under the leadership of Kelly Hostetler. Candy Kirby Cranch coordinated weekly Sunday meals for 12-15 students with an off-site Easter dinner hosted by Kate Prechter King and a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Pam DeLaureal.

Home-bound: Committee members assisted pastors in regular visits to SCAPC members in the hospital and nursing homes. Committee members also delivered meals, made phone calls, attended off-site chapel services and did whatever was needed to make home-bound members feel cared for by SCAPC. This Christmas, Ann Van Horn provided homemade cookies and, with several other committee members, made personal deliveries to SCAPC members at Lambeth House and Poydras Home.

GED: Committee members joined with Presbyterian Women to provide several receptions for the GED students and volunteers, at the beginning of school and again during the Christmas season.

Church duties: Committee members ushered at funerals, manned the church phones as needed, worked in the kitchen for Wednesday night suppers and helped with church mailings.

Flowers: Mayson Buffington continues to deliver flower arrangements after services to Poydras Home and Lambeth House.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Van Horn, 2009 chair

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair: Gail Kaliszeski

Overview

2009 Congregational Life Committee presented many engaging and fun activities and programming that provided numerous fellowship opportunities for the congregation.

Wednesday Night Out Series

The 2009 series featured interesting topics and programming, including the city of New Orleans Master Plan presentation by Goody Clancy, a consultant team working with the City Planning Commission; The Green Project, which operates a building materials recycling store promoting community involvement and environment activities; Mr. Orlin Corey provided a special presentation of “Ernie Pyle, beloved voice of America in WWII;” a presentation by Dr. Marcello Canuto, Director of Tulane’s Middle American Research Institute on his significant discovery he made in an ancient Mayan city; and Dr. Anna Pou, who shared her experience during and after Hurricane Katrina as one of the doctors at Memorial Hospital and how God sustained her during her ordeal.

Special Events

The 2nd Annual Jazz Brunch was a very popular and well-attended event, and the September Arts Spectacle featured works of art from many of our own members. The annual Match Made in Heaven golf tournament, the Holy Smokes BBQ cook-off where contestants from the congregation competed for the Golden Spatula, with an added component of old fashion games such as bean bag toss, horseshoes and more, and a fun wine tasting that also featured a wine and cheese pairing. All were successful parts of our program year.

Supper Clubs

This fall saw a new program kick off that has been very well received, Supper Clubs. This new church tradition offers intimate gatherings and get-togethers for members of the congregation to dine with old friends and meet new friends.



Respectfully submitted,
Gail Kaliszeski, 2009 chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE**Chair: Holly Sharp****Vice-Chair: Tom Allen****Overview**

The church was able to generate a healthy operating surplus in 2009. Total receipts were 102 percent of budgeted revenues, reflecting pledge receipts that were slightly above budget and higher-than-expected loose plate collections. Total operating expenses were kept at 97 percent of budget through prudent expense management by staff and committee chairs, with the result being an \$84,000 surplus for the year. As a result of the reduced spending and higher-than-anticipated revenues, actual benevolence spending (excluding RHINO) was slightly reduced from our budgeted goal of 16 percent to 15 percent of total revenues.

The church continued to maintain a strong balance sheet with a healthy cash position. An independent audit of all of the financial activities of the church in 2008 was performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville, and no material discrepancies were found.

RHINO Funds

The RHINO program had another successful year. During 2009, RHINO received over \$125,000 to continue its Ferry Place project with the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity. By the end of the year, RHINO had received nearly \$1.5 million in contributions since its inception in fall 2005 and had donated \$600,000 to Habitat for Humanity during the same period.

Visionary Fund

As has been customary in the past, the Visionary Fund provided significant support for the operations of the church in 2009. Approximately \$228,000 was drawn from the Visionary Fund to support benevolences, Christian education, missions, property maintenance, library, scholarships, pastoral housing and employee benefits. Total donations to the Visionary Fund in 2009 were \$62,000. Although the stock market suffered significant reductions in value at the beginning of the year, by the end of the year the overall Visionary Fund investment portfolio value had increased by 20 percent due to the Finance Committee's balanced portfolio strategy.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Sharp, 2009 chair

See finance reports on pages 12-14.

**OPERATING ACCOUNT
INCOME STATEMENT**

	2008 ACTUAL YEAR END	2009 ACTUAL YEAR END	2009 ANNUAL BUDGET	2009 VARIANCE	2010 BUDGET
RECEIPTS					
Pledge Payments	\$1,133,692	\$1,169,667	\$1,160,000	\$9,667	\$1,254,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	20,349	29,337	25,000	4,337	25,000
Members without Pledges	55,342	63,474	60,000	3,474	55,000
Visitor and Loose Plate Collections	85,803	83,951	65,000	18,951	75,000
Subtotal--Donation Revenues	\$1,295,186	\$1,346,429	\$1,310,000	\$36,429	\$1,409,000
Visionary Fund Operating Draw	160,000	148,000	148,000	0	150,000
Visionary Fund Pastoral Housing Draw	35,914	28,315	28,316	(1)	29,493
Visionary Fund Employee Benefits Draw	21,378	34,619	34,557	62	40,936
Wedding Revenues (Net)	12,310	7,621		7,621	
Other Budgeted Misc. Revenue (Net)	(1,307)	288	10,000	(9,712)	10,000
Campus Ministry Revenue	11,377	10,460	11,600	(1,140)	10,443
Interest Income (Net of Fees)	5,803	3,202	5,000	(1,798)	2,500
Total Receipts	\$1,540,661	\$1,578,934	\$1,547,473	\$31,461	\$1,652,372
DISBURSEMENTS					
Benevolences:					
Presbytery Tax	(15,178)	(13,614)	(13,614)	0	(12,831)
Greater Church	(77,514)	(52,890)	(52,890)	0	(63,390)
Seminary Support	(2,300)	(2,300)	(2,300)	0	(2,300)
Local Projects--Community Ministry	(159,598)	(144,966)	(166,761)	21,795	(181,661)
Missions	(15,260)	(5,534)	(6,175)	641	(7,000)
Total Benevolences	(269,850)	(219,304)	(241,740)	22,436	(267,182)
Adult Christian Ed	(4,981)	(3,278)	(5,800)	2,522	(5,800)
Children's Christian Ed	(17,425)	(15,063)	(16,259)	1,196	(16,824)
Youth Christian Ed	(17,734)	(13,381)	(14,866)	1,485	(14,866)
Speaker Series	(1,901)	(2,007)	(2,000)	(7)	(2,000)
Congregational Care (incl Campus Ministry)	(11,270)	(10,429)	(12,695)	2,266	(19,495)
Congregational Life	(18,776)	(20,317)	(18,727)	(1,590)	(21,484)
Property	(251,221)	(247,104)	(248,106)	1,002	(273,428)
Membership	(1,301)	(491)	(1,400)	909	(1,400)
Music	(68,718)	(63,914)	(65,520)	1,606	(65,520)
Personnel	(784,929)	(835,507)	(850,000)	14,493	(886,000)
Leadership Development	(972)	(653)	(950)	297	(2,750)
Stewardship	(1,582)	(596)	(3,600)	3,004	(800)
Worship	(3,048)	(3,050)	(3,000)	(50)	(3,200)
Office	(83,951)	(59,495)	(62,310)	2,815	(71,123)
Visionary Fund	(596)	(405)	(500)	95	(500)
Total Expenses	(\$1,538,255)	(\$1,494,994)	(\$1,547,473)	\$52,479	(\$1,652,372)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,406	\$83,939	\$0	\$83,939	\$0
Sources of Unbudgeted Funds					
Funds from Gifts & Memorials	265,359	262,887			
Funds from Property Maintenance Reserve	36,590	3,279			
Funds from Prior Year Surplus	485	58,192			
Funds from Insurance Claims	10,945	0			
Total Sources of Unbudgeted Funds	\$313,379	\$324,358			
Uses of Unbudgeted Funds					
Gifts & Memorials Expenses (incl. RHINO)	(265,359)	(262,887)			
Architectural Expenses		(37,682)			
Audit Expenses		(8,000)			
Capital Expenditures	(48,021)	(15,790)			
Total Uses of Unbudgeted Funds	(\$313,379)	(\$324,358)			

**OPERATING ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	\$564,980	\$1,079,262	\$853,741	\$670,557	\$440,957
Deposits in Transit and Acc Receivable	\$162,187	\$152,269	\$81,963	\$73,422	\$99,208
Due from Visionary Fund	\$28,424		\$121,006	\$146,948	\$312,464
Other Assets	\$43,541	\$33,955	\$15,397	\$12,382	\$16,482
TOTAL ASSETS	\$799,133	\$1,265,486	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$1,591	\$0	\$4,317	\$6,861	\$1,317
Accrued Liabilities	\$30,502	\$22,712	\$10,336	\$11,877	\$15,192
Deferred prepaid pledges received	\$180,777	\$167,674	\$213,450	\$235,573	\$214,105
Other Deposits received	\$26,354	\$11,662	\$3,812	\$2,500	\$4,600
Due to Visionary Fund		\$50			
Temporary Gifts & Memorials	\$6,950	\$5,540	\$200,555	\$25,774	\$18,323
Total Current Liabilities	\$246,174	\$207,638	\$432,470	\$282,585	\$253,537
Gifts & Memorials					
Unrestricted Gifts & Memorials	\$35,178	\$13,653	\$10,314	\$12,374	\$9,212
Restricted Gifts & Memorials	\$49,697	\$79,607	\$62,413	\$71,053	\$77,574
RHINO Fund	\$135,449	\$495,357	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934
Total Gifts & Memorials	\$220,324	\$588,616	\$305,630	\$296,392	\$240,720
Other Liabilities					
Sanctuary Renovation Fund		\$105,191	\$0		
Reserve for Major Maintenance (PPRSM)	\$9,347	\$25,147	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$25,000
Bank Loans Payable	\$30,626	\$20,841	\$0		
Total Other Liabilities	\$39,973	\$151,179	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$25,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$506,472	\$947,433	\$752,970	\$582,255	\$519,257
CAPITAL					
Prior Year Surplus	\$292,661	\$318,053	\$319,137	\$321,053	\$349,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$799,133	\$1,265,486	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110

VISIONARY FUND (Formerly Known as the Trust Fund)	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>					
Cash--Money Market Fund	195,630	1,916,976	228,300	504,235	250,065
Investments at Market Value	4,132,902	2,675,655	4,626,623	3,563,931	4,640,871
Due From (To) Church Operating Acct	(28,424)	10,050	(121,006)	(146,948)	(312,464)
Net Fund Assets	\$4,300,107	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472

<u>NET FUNDS</u>					
Unrestricted Fund	\$396,234	\$401,445	\$466,130	\$568,814	\$697,655
Benevolences Fund	\$789,810	\$849,725	\$861,120	\$642,290	\$742,981
Missions Fund	\$114,914	\$123,631	\$125,311	\$93,464	\$108,011
Seminary Support Fund	\$43,598	\$46,905	\$47,533	\$35,453	\$40,971
Counseling Fund	\$11,035	\$11,872	\$12,031	\$8,974	\$10,370
Favrot Fund	\$184,909	\$223,171	\$229,328	\$171,045	\$197,787
Christian Education Fund	\$61,041	\$66,786	\$67,679	\$51,710	\$59,964
Flowers Fund	\$16,811	\$18,087	\$18,329	\$13,670	\$15,798
Music Fund	\$42,445	\$45,665	\$46,382	\$34,594	\$39,978
Speakers Fund	\$42,584	\$45,815	\$46,428	\$34,628	\$40,018
Property Fund	\$179,543	\$193,163	\$196,540	\$146,789	\$169,635
Meier Campus Ministry Fund	\$54,611	\$58,754	\$59,540	\$44,408	\$51,320
Maddox Property Maintenance Fund	\$1,031,516	\$1,109,766	\$1,124,615	\$838,798	\$969,347
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$108,538	\$120,939	\$127,819	\$89,347	\$108,178
Trustees' Discretionary Fund	\$31,108	\$34,663	\$36,634	\$29,100	\$35,181
Reddoch Scholarship Fund	\$30,579	\$28,167	\$29,135	\$21,078	\$25,036
Turfitt Scholarship Fund	\$110,427	\$123,183	\$130,191	\$103,454	\$125,319
Phifer Library Fund	\$28,167	\$31,228	\$33,144	\$24,599	\$27,562
Employee Benefits Fund	\$243,110	\$225,893	\$209,671	\$139,220	\$112,367
Pastoral Housing Fund	\$779,126	\$832,682	\$843,799	\$641,723	\$742,694
Lupberger Theological Fund		\$11,143	\$11,776	\$17,298	\$29,615
Peirce-Geiser Fund			\$10,780	\$11,899	\$36,338
Evans Property Maintenance Fund				\$158,865	\$192,348
Total All Funds	\$4,300,107	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472

<u>EARNINGS--YEAR TO DATE</u>					
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Beginning Asset Balances	\$2,371,591	\$4,300,107	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217
Realized Investment Income	85,326	131,090	120,500	167,028	162,757
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	2,883	66,101	88,659	(462,894)	(349,465)
Contributions Received	1,952,963	80,839	74,160	494,662	62,428
Draw for Church Operations	(89,000)	(114,000)	(139,000)	(160,000)	(148,000)
Draw for Employee Benefits & Pension	(24,090)	(27,404)	(29,822)	(34,453)	(46,463)
Draw for Pastoral Housing	(16,551)	(31,827)	(34,302)	(35,914)	(28,315)
Other Distributions Made	(13,646)	(84,255)	(2,092)	(20,237)	(5,165)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	30,631	282,030	53,133	(760,891)	1,009,478
Ending Asset Balances	\$4,300,107	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**Chair: Beth Poe****Vice-Chair: Lynn Hoffman****Nominating Committee**

The Leadership Development Committee was responsible for preparing a slate of candidates for the 2009 Nominating Committee, which was then elected by the congregation. This Nominating Committee put together a slate of elder nominees, who were elected by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

**Elder Training**

The Chair of Leadership Development assisted the pastors with some of the nuts and bolts of elder training. The Chair of Leadership Development met with the pastors to make committee assignments for the new elders and to appoint chairs for each of the session committees for the year 2010.

Session Retreat

The Chair of Leadership Development worked closely with the pastors in organizing a planning retreat for elders, class of 2010, 2011, and 2012. The retreat, which was led by Dr. Michael Jinkins of Austin Seminary, was held January 8 and 9, 2010, in Favrotville.

Presbytery Meeting Commissioners

The Leadership Development Committee was also responsible for getting session members to volunteer as commissioners for the regular and called meetings of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Poe, 2009 chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Jennie Steele

Vice-Chair: Pierce Young

Overview

The objective of the Membership Committee is to welcome and invite all first-time and repeat visitors to become members of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. This is accomplished through initial contacts by both pastors, and hand-written notes, e-mails, and phone calls by members of our committee. First-time visitors are also encouraged to mingle in Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service, and pick up a SCAPC coffee mug gift designated especially for them.

Joining the Church

Each Sunday, those who wish to join, as well as those who wish to have questions answered, are invited to meet in the Chapel following the 10:30 service. One or both pastors, at least three elders and members of the committee are present to receive new members and/or answer any questions. Three elders constitute a quorum for a mini-Session meeting needed to vote in membership. Many thanks to those Session members who came by the Chapel to see if we had the needed quorum. The new member fills out an enrollment form, the pastor leads a brief Session meeting and the new member is welcomed into the church by transfer of membership, reaffirmation of faith or profession of faith. A picture of the new member is taken for our records.

Orientation

A brief orientation session is held approximately every 4-6 weeks at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel on a Sunday. The session includes anyone who has joined since the previous orientation and provides new members information on church committees, as well as Presbyterian Women and RHINO. New members fill out "Getting Involved" forms, indicating where they want to utilize their time and talents. Each family unit is given a New Member packet, which contains a booklet on being a Presbyterian, a brief history of SCAPC, a stewardship packet, a copy of the *View* and other items. After the orientation, new members are formally introduced to the congregation at the 10:30 service, and their pictures and brief bios are published in the bulletin. In 2009, we received more than 60 new members.

New Member Reception and Brunch

This year, we held our church-wide New Member Reception in the Land Building on June 14. It was hosted by the entire committee and honored all new members who had joined since June 2008. On November 8, we held the annual New Member Brunch at the home of Gordon and Linda Kolb, which was coordinated by committee member Margaret Maxwell. All new members since the previous New Member Brunch were honored.

Summary

The more than 60 new members we've welcomed into our fellowship of faith have significantly contributed to the life of our church. Many have given their time and talents to the 20/30 group. Others have joined the choir, taught Sunday School, cooked meals for Congregational Care, hammered nails at Ferry Place and more! We are thankful for their commitment, and we are thankful for the diligent work of the committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Steele, 2009 chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Burt Carnahan

Vice-Chair: Laura Shields

Staff Salaries and Benefits

Although most of the SCAPC committees are structured for a calendar year basis, the Personnel Committee actually begins its work in the fall of the prior year. Starting in October/November, the Personnel Committee begins considering staff salaries and benefits for the coming year. That process includes conversations with Don Frampton, Wayne Willcox and other staff in order to determine proposed salary and benefits changes.

The committee began that process in the last quarter of 2008, and after conferences with the staff, recommended salary and benefits changes for 2009 to the Finance Committee.



Don Frampton Anniversary Celebrations

The Committee also planned and carried out two events honoring Don Frampton's 15 years at SCAPC. Don began his work at SCAPC in the summer of 1994, so the Committee planned and hosted a "cake party" for Don and his family on July 19th. The larger event took place on October 11. Originally planned for outdoors, rainstorms forced the celebration to be moved inside, where barbecue was served and gifts were given to the Framptons to commemorate Don's 15th year at SCAPC.

Staff Luncheons

The Committee began recognizing the work and service of SCAPC's staff by hosting staff luncheons three times a year. At those luncheons, Committee Members thanked the staff for their work, and presented Certificates of Appreciation on or near the anniversary date of the staff members beginning their work at SCAPC.

End-of-year Staff Interviews

In December, Personnel Committee members met with every staff member on an individual basis for the purpose of thanking them for their contributions to SCAPC and discussing any concerns or problems they might have. The Committee was happy and proud to hear that staff members liked their jobs and their work relationships.

Respectfully submitted,
Burt Carnahan, 2009 chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair: Woodie Van Horn

Vice-Chair: Don Charles

Overview

The committee has completed another successful year due to the hard work and guidance by all its members.

Key Accomplishments

Some of the other key accomplishments and activities of the committee in 2009 include:

- Replacement of telecommunications systems for the church office
- Cleaning out and repairing all subsurface external drainage lines
- Replacing and improving the porch lights at the rear of the Land Building
- Replacing an air conditioning unit at the Land Building
- Elevator repairs
- Implementing a paper and plastic recycling program

The committee also spent a significant amount of time in preparing a complete assessment of our waterproofing needs. This included a review of the waterproofing repairs conducted in 1997 and 1998 in order to develop a longer term approach to our waterproofing procedures. As a result of this review, the Committee expects to commence a major waterproofing repair project in 2010.

The committee wishes to thank the Hard Hats for their valuable service to the church and for continuing to keep the church advised of property needs.



Respectfully submitted,
Woodie Van Horn, 2009 chair

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**Co-Chair: Richard Seelman****Co-Chair: John Morton IV****Putting God First**

When we embarked on the 2010 Stewardship campaign, the economic climate certainly did not appear to be conducive to a successful campaign. God works in mysterious ways, however, and the results have been a resounding success. To date, we have total pledges in hand of \$1.255 million, which is the highest Stewardship campaign pledge total that SCAPC has ever compiled. Helping make this happen was the fact that more than 63 percent of the church's pledging units (singles, couples or families) made a pledge for 2010. We note that many existing members increased their pledges for 2010, which played a huge part in the results of the campaign. Additionally, 71 new pledges were received this year, while only 33 pledges from 2009 were lost, resulting in a net gain of 39 pledges. That incremental increase in pledges is crucial to SCAPC's ability to continue to grow its programming, including our ministry to those persons in need both locally and globally. We would ask you to consider your role in the life of the church and Stewardship, as the two go hand-in-hand. While we should be positive about the results of the campaign, which resulted from our members cheerfully responding to God's call, we should also contemplate how to increase the percentage of our church members who make a pledge. We believe that once a member makes a pledge and realizes how important that single pledge is to SCAPC, greater things begin to happen both in that member's life and in the life of the church.

Note of Gratitude

We would like to thank the church staff, particularly Wayne Willcox, Kim Thompson, Pierce Young and Carol Pointer, along with Don and Kelly, for their invaluable support and guidance in helping make this campaign a success. We also want to thank Jim Rumsfeld for his contributions to the Stewardship campaign brochure. Additionally, more than twenty church members provided great service in helping to make our telephone follow up calls to members. We also appreciate the help of Ruthie Frierson and Julie Nice, the incoming chair and vice-chair, respectively, who greatly aided our efforts in bringing this campaign to a successful conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Seelman and John Morton IV, 2009 co-chairs



VISIONARY FUND COMMITTEE

Chair: Lou Hoffman

Overview

The Visionary Fund Committee informs the congregation about the purpose of the Visionary Fund, an investment portfolio that supports the long-term mission of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in addition to the annual operating budget. The Fund comprises several giving groups: general church support, benevolences and missions, programs, property, and employee benefits. The primary goal of the Visionary Fund is to continue the mission and ministry of the church well into the future.

Visionary Sunday

Don Frampton, Wayne Willcox and I worked together to write the text for the brochure that was mailed to the congregation along with donation cards and envelopes the week following Visionary Sunday. The brochure, designed by Kim Thompson, included the names of donors to the fund in 2008. Also listed were the 2008 donors to Gifts and Memorials, a fund that is separate from the Visionary Fund. On April 19, Visionary Sunday, I spoke about the fund at both the 8:30 and the 10:30 worship services. In promoting the Fund, it was our wish to emphasize that with our giving, we participate in the vitality of the church and God's work in the world. Our generosity helps to ensure that St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church will continue to be a spiritual leader in New Orleans for those who come after us.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hoffman, 2009 Chair

WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Laura St. Clair

Vice-Chair: Mary Price Dunbar

Overview

Throughout 2009, World Missions opened our eyes to a wider vision for our committee. We worked with our PC(USA) missionaries, as well as partner churches and organizations to accomplish mutual goals. We have answered God's call to increase both the depth of understanding and of cooperation in the relationships we build and the resources we share.

Supported Missionaries

In 2009 SCAPC provided financial support for 7 mission co-workers throughout the world.

A. **Dennis and Maribel Smith** live in Guatemala City with their 2 sons and conduct their mission work through the Central American Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies (CEDEPCA). Dennis has served as PC (USA) missionary since 1977 and Maribel, a native of Guatemala, began her service in 1989. Learn about their work at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/smithd.htm.

B. **Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger** have served since 2000 through the Presbyterian Church of the Congo at the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai (IMCK) and the Good Shepherd Hospital in Tshikaji. Currently on leave of absence, we continue to support them during this time. To read of their work, go to www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/haningerm.htm.

C. **Rev. Robert Gamble**, is a PC(USA) Minister who answered God's call to work with homeless youth in Odessa, Ukraine through the organization **This Child Here**. SCAPC World Missions has contributed both funding and special request equipment to Rev. Gamble for his work. Learn more about his work through the website: www.thischildhere.org.

D. **Drs. Les and Cynthia Morgan** have returned to Bangladesh after a leave of absence to care for their son Everett, who lost a bravely fought battle with cancer in December 2008. Our long relationship with Les and Cindy (both Louisiana natives) continues. Please read the newest information about the extensive work of Les and Cindy www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/morganl.htm.

Mission Travel

Sixteen members of SCAPC participated in two trips to Cuba in 2009, visiting 11 sites (churches, missions, pastorals, seminary) in Matanzas Presbytery. During both visits (May 6-13 and Nov 11-18) church members and our Cuban hosts, enjoyed an assortment of experiences getting to know each other and sharing the love of Christ. Through our resource-sharing objective, during these two visits our church members donated a total of \$11,780 for churches in Matanzas Presbytery and the Synod. In addition, they carried approximately 1500 pounds of luggage which included everything from a leg brace to a saxophone to vitamins, medicines and bulletin covers, to name a few categories.

Cuban Mission Delegation

In July, World Missions and SCAPC hosted three members of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba: Roberto Cemillán, Ricardo Ruiz Rivas and Elena Angelina Fariñas. While lodging at the Land Building, our visitors spent ten active days with SCAPC members eating and touring their way through New Orleans. This was an unprecedented visit of its type and length by a foreign delegation to our church.

Special Offerings

The World Missions committee sponsored PC (USA) offerings through out the year. Middle East Offering 2/09-\$1,704.00; One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday-\$3411.00; Pentecost Offering on 5/31-\$1404.00; Christmas Joy 12/24-\$2,978.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura St. Clair, 2009 chair

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Susie Taylor Rumsfeld

Vice-Chair: Lawton Fabacher

Overview

The Worship and Music Committee was responsible for providing support to the pastors and minister of music for services of worship.

Communion

Committee duties included preparation of the elements for communion and recruitment of elders to distribute the elements. The communion trays, linens, and cups were periodically examined and repaired or replaced as necessary.

Baptisms

The committee was responsible for obtaining Session approval for baptisms and presentation of the children for baptism.

Flowers

Members of the committee were responsible for coordinating a schedule for floral donations given in honor or memory of loved ones. Special floral arrangements were provided for Palm Sunday, Easter, Heritage Sunday, and Christmas Services. Poinsettias and memorial wreaths decorated the Sanctuary during Advent.

Ushers, Acolytes, and Children's Message

The committee coordinated ushers, acolytes, and presenters of the children's message.

Special Services

Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Services: A weekly Lenten service was scheduled and followed with a light lunch. The Palm Sunday Service included a children's procession with palms and a special choral service with orchestra under the direction of Steven Blackmon. A midday worship service was held on Ash Wednesday, and a Maundy Thursday evening service was held with communion.

Summer Sundays: A single, unified service was held at 9:30 a.m., beginning June 7 with guest preacher Jason Ferris and continued through August 16. The sermon themes were the Stories of David. Special activities were planned for the children during each service, and the children shared what they had learned with the congregation at the end of the worship service.

Heritage Sunday: A special service to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church was held and included kilts, bagpipes and drums. Also during this time all 50-year members were honored with a presentation during the service, followed by a reception where music was provided.

Christmas Services: Two Christmas Eve services were held: a family service at 5 p.m. featuring a youth tableau and a traditional service with communion at 7:30 p.m. The choir and orchestra, directed by Steven Blackmon, presented the annual "Celebration of Carols" the Sunday before Christmas.

Other Special Services: Other special worship services included Confirmation Sunday, Youth Sunday, the commissioning of the Cuba group, installation and ordination of elders, as well as a concert by contemporary Christian band, The Ineloquent.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Taylor Rumsfeld, 2009 chair

ELDER CLASS OF 2009

Burt Carnahan

Donna Davis

Brent Dorsey

Carro Gardner

Lou Hoffman

Gail Kaliszeski

John Kelly

Charles King

Linda Kolb

John Martin

Jill Nalty

Phyllis Peterson

Beth Poe

Woodie Van Horn