Saint Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

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A special thanks to our Elder Class of 2012 for three years of hard work!

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Agenda
Meeting of the Congregation
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana
Sunday, February 3, 2013

1.	Call to Order	Don Frampton, Moderator
2.	Opening Prayer	
3.	Declaration of Quorum and Purpose of Meeting	Bobby Hassinger, Clerk
4.	Distribution of Annual Reports	Ushers
5.	Presentation of 2013 Church Budget Capital Campaign Visionary Fund	Peyton Bush, Finance Chair
6.	Election of Congregational Nominating Team Aimée! Bell, Class of 2013 John Hope, Class of 2014 Beth Poe, Class of 2015 McCord Frampton, Youth Lindsay Hamm, 20/30 Jeanie Clinton, PW Jack Hinrichs, Senior Adults Don Frampton, ex officio	
7.	Approval of Changes in Terms of Pastors' Calls	John Hope, Personnel Chair
8.	Remarks	
9.	Closing Prayer	Kelly Hostetler, Vice Moderator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Chair: John Galbraith | Vice-Chair: Larry Hamric

Bible Adventures

The Children's Sunday School Classes (3 year olds - 3rd Grade) began a new curriculum this fall called Grow, Proclaim and Serve. The students are learning about the Bible through fun activities, stories and projects. Each week they watch a video about Leaper's Point, a small town whose citizens tell the Bible story in a fun and contemporary way. Students in all grades are learning the same story each week, which has been helpful for parents in weekly discussions at home.

Challenger Class

The Challenger Class (4th & 5th Grades), continues to have a strong presence. In October, sixteen students attended a weekend retreat at Ticfaw State Park where the theme was "Being a Positive Influence." This year we focused on how to study the Bible and what it means to be a Presbyterian. They also participated in community service by raising funds for the LA/SPCA, and raising money for Second Harvest Food Bank through Souper Bowl of Caring. In the spring, twelve 4th Graders received Bibles from the church.

Vacation Bible School

VBS was held the first week in June with the theme, "Promise Island." There were 85 participants and 30 youth counselors. Favorite activities included a climbing wall and snowball stand. Special thanks to Ellen Brandao, Jennifer Bachman, Aggie Bell, Becka Curry, Jennifer Foss and Betty Hope for serving as volunteer directors.

LIGHThouse

Due to the renovations, LIGHThouse did not meet the first half of the year. Starting in September, the class resumed with 12 students who met from 4:45 – 5:15 pm Wednesdays to discuss the stories of the Bible through games and activities before enjoying a delicious home cooked meal by Jim and Bonnie Hobden.

Nursery School

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

Adult Sunday School

2012 featured a rich collection of adult education opportunities. In the spring the core, Bible Exploration Class (BEC) studied Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Don Frampton led a 13-week course on Harvey Cox's book, Future of Faith. In April, Kelly Hostetler led a class on Mark Labberton's book, The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor, and then all Adult Education classes united in enjoying Mr. Labberton as our Selley Series speaker on Sunday, April 22. In the fall, BEC was re-launched as PBS (People's Bible Study) being led by Don Frampton and studying the book of Mark. In addition to PBS, John Galbriath and Larry Hamric led a 12-week course on Amish Grace which was well-attended and thought provoking. The Lupberger Lecture Series in the fall featured Harvey Cox over the weekend of November 4-5. We concluded the year with an Advent study.

40/50 Group

In December, the 40/50 group enjoyed the Third Annual Progressive Dinner. 45 adults attended and we enjoyed a delicious three course meal at Tom and Pierce Young, Elizabeth and Andy Favret and Don and Colleen Frampton's homes.

Summer Sundays

During the summer months, the church offered one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. This year's topic was "Jesus' Parables." The children were invited each week during the service to hear the stories of Jesus' parables and how they relate to our lives today.

Respectfully submitted, John Galbraith, 2012 Chair

COMMUNITY MINISTRY TEAM

Chair: Pat Rosamond | Vice Chair Robert Edgecombe

Introduction

In 2012 SCAPC and the Community Ministry Team (CMT) helped many families, adults and children in need with the help of your pledge dollars. Jesus asked us to be His disciples and we, Community Ministry and the congregation, are fulfilling this by supporting 17 agencies with our money and our talents. As a Church and a Team, we have helped the hungry and homeless, those who needed medical treatment and brought the gospel of Christ to campuses. Those who desperately want a good education and others who need to finish their education have been helped, while houses were built for those who needed better shelter. Disadvantaged children have learned to read and others taught a trade so they no longer have to live on the streets. These and more are all vital contributions that our city needed and that this congregation funded in 2012 with a budget of $167,061.

Supported Ministries

Carrollton United

CMT Coordinators: Mary DeWitt Dukes & Dave White

Carrollton United is a neighborhood organization working toward improving the physical, mental, financial, educational and spiritual health of Carrollton residents in the area defined by I-10 to the river and Broadway to the Jefferson Parish line.

Connect Missions

CMT Coordinator: Kelly Hostetler

Connect Missions is a cross-cultural ministry focused on university students, with a strong commitment to supporting the church, as it brings people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. In 2012 there was a special focus on college ministries with 9 movements on 5 different campuses and 10 more in the works. SCAPC supplied financial support as well as volunteers.

Crescent City Café

CMT Coordinators: Leon Hinson, Bobby Segal & Lindsay Hamm

In 2012, a monthly breakfast was served to the marginalized people of New Orleans with dignity and love. The Café also provides a forum for young adults with similar values to connect through service. SCAPC provides some funding and our 20/30s group members volunteer on a regular basis.

Eden House

CMT Coordinator: Kelly Hostetler

Eden House is one of two new CMT ministries. It is a home for women who have survived prostitution, addiction and human trafficking. The home accepts women for two years, free of charge, while providing space for healing, programs for recovery and opportunities for job training. Volunteers are needed for a wide range of activities from tutoring to providing meals.

General Equivalency Diploma

CMT Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

General Equivalency Diploma (GED) provides morning classes four days a week for adults earning their high school equivalency certificates. The program enrolled 16 students in 2012. Five are now in the process of being tested in the calendar year. We look forward to them graduating. Our church supplies the classroom, money for two teachers and all the supplies.

J.W. Johnson School

CMT Coordinator: Mary DeWitt Dukes

James Weldon Johnson is an RSD grade school in the West Carrollton area that SCAPC has supported for a number of years. SCAPC and RHINO have provided volunteers for the school when they have asked for help from us. Their future at this site is under evaluation. We will have to wait and watch carefully what is in store for this Mission's future.

Ministry of Hope at First Presbyterian Church

CMT Coordinator: Edna Charles

During 2012 the Ministry of Hope served 60 to 100 homeless people weekly. This joint mission of seven Presbyterian churches in greater New Orleans prepared lunches, served coffee and doughnuts, and offered clothing, hygiene items, vouchers for sleeping at the Salvation Army, toiletries and bus tokens. Information about housing, jobs, counseling, prayer and worship is available also. SCAPC provides major funding, the talents of our dedicated weekly volunteers, and serves lunch several Wednesdays of the year, as do other churches.

New Orleans Mission

CMT Coordinator: Mary Dawn Pugh

Founded in 1989, the New Orleans Mission is one of the principal providers for homeless individuals in the city. It provides free shelter, food, clothing, job training, adult education, substance rehabilitation and abuse rehabilitation for those in need. In 2012, the mission made available more than 45,000 showers and provided emergency shelter beds for up to 150 men and women per night. It served more than 100,000 meals, distributed clothing and groceries, sponsored a free health clinic each week and provided rehabilitation for 50 men. SCAPC's support in 2012 included funding to partially offset operating costs of the facilities. Also, our volunteers helped to prepare and serve lunch each Thursday afternoon.

Raintree Services

CMT Coordinator: Kathy Randall

Raintree is a social service agency giving hope to abandoned, abused or neglected children through group housing, single family foster care, and developmental disabilities case management. SCAPC provides funding, participates on their Board of Directors, and gives volunteer support when needed. In 2012, Major General David Mize, one of our congregants, sent the Marines to paint the iron fence saving Raintree thousands of dollars. It is a remarkable ministry, and our volunteers go when called.

Reconcile New Orleans

CMT Coordinator: John Martin

Reconcile graduated only 68 students in 2012 due mostly to the ongoing $6 million dollar expansion and renovation that will be completed by the end of Jan. 2013. They expect 110 graduates in 2013 due to the fact that the expansion will allow them to increase the size of their classrooms by 30%. Their newly renovated five-story building will enable Reconcile to provide a range of new and improved services to its students and will hopefully increase the size of classes.

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans

CMT Coordinator: Avery Strada

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans (RHINO) provides meaningful service opportunities for adults and youth. They work principally with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Orleans to help build homes for displaced and first-time owners. RHINO has built 28 houses in the New Orleans area. RHINO partnered with the St. Bernard Project to help families gut their homes following Hurricane Isaac. Since 2005, 5000 people have come to help this unique SCAPC ministry. SCAPC activities in 2012 included the opening of Camp RHINO for youth, which was smash hit. The rolls for this coming summer are almost full.

New Orleans Charter Science And Mathematics High School

CMT Coordinator: Mimi Smith

The second new ministry for 2012 is the Science and Math Charter High School (Sci High). It has been a full 9-12 grade high school since 2006. It is one of the few open admission schools in the country whose students are economically disadvantage. There are 375 students. 94% of 2012's class graduated. The Cowen Institute selected Sci High as a school whose faculty are trained to offer advanced placement classes.

St. Thomas Clinic

CMT Coordinator: Charlie King

In 2012, the clinic not only expanded into new facilities, more than doubling its size, it is also renovating the other building on Magazine Street that it owns. The clinic is readying itself for even greater usage of the facilities in 2013. Remember, there is no charge for those that do not have the ability to pay. It is a great service that St. Thomas gives to that area and we are glad to help them.

Start The Adventure In Reading

CMT Coordinator: Mary Lou O'Keefe

Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR) is a children's literacy program that provides free one-on-one after school tutoring in reading and language skills to at-risk public elementary school students, as well as literacy support to family members. STAIR is led by a strong all-volunteer Board of Directors and Advisory Council, staffed by qualified literacy administrators, and endowed with a volunteer force of more than 350 trained community individuals. SCAPC members serve as tutors, site directors, Board members, Advisory Council members, and donors. One member of our congregation is trying to start a STAIR in the Mandeville area.

Uptown Shepherd's Center

CMT Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

The Uptown Shepherd's Center (USC) operates a senior day center serving a group of about 130 multiethnic seniors each week. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for its members and maximize independence by learning new skills and sharing with others. Activities include: exercise, Spanish, Tai Chi, poetry, sewing/quilting/knitting, music, Bible study, board games, drama class and citywide performance, speaker forums on health and medical care. LSU nursing students do monthly blood pressure checks and Loyola students volunteer to lead activities. SCAPC activities in 2012 included serving on the Board and Board meeting attendance, volunteer hours from three SCAPC members and providing funds to sustain the center.

Victories in Service, Inc.

CMT Coordinator: John Martin

Victories in Service had an incredibly eventful year in 2012. Most significant was the move into Langston Hughes Charter School, which allowed the program to serve 100 plus K-4th graders. This is in addition to 30-50 K-4 grade students at Samuel Green Charter School and about 50 more at Arthur Ashe School. The program is after school and features academics, character development, and sports (baseball and track).

White Gift

CMT Coordinator: Sarah Edgecombe

SCAPC's White Gift program gives members the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts to children served by our many partner agencies. In 2012, SCAPC members gave gifts to over 200 children.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Rosamond, 2012 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Chair: Beth Edwards | Vice-Chair: Caty Flower

Pantry Ministry

The Congregational Care Team sponsored two meal drives, providing containers and recipes for members to use in preparing the meals, and collecting them to store in the church freezer. The meals are delivered by members of the team to those who have endured a hospital stay, long term illness, new baby, unexpected crisis, transition or death. In the spring approximately 30 meals were collected and used in deliveries; in the fall, approximately 35 meals were collected and conitnue to be drawn upon as needed.

Correspondence

Roney Morton continued to write notes to SCAPC members for various occasions. The entire team worked together to send birthday cards to SCAPC's senior adult members. College students who grew up at SCAPC were sent a RHINO Christmas card and a note (when parents responded to our inquiries for addresses), and continued correspondence will take place in 2013.

Baptismal Cloth Samplers

The Baptismal Cloth sampler project is headed by Judith Halverson, with help from Jennie Steele, Carol Pointer, Michele Murphy, Betty Founds, Allison Flanagan and Wendi Adams. The Team hand-stitches a sampler cloth for every child baptized at SCAPC under 5 years of age. The sampler cloth is inscribed with the child's name and date of baptism. The pastors acknowledge the project when presenting the cloth to the family, during Sunday morning worship services. In 2012, the group stitched 25 sampler clothes.

Presbyterian Campus Fellowship

Our ministry to college students continues under the leadership of Kelly Hostetler, and 2012 was a year of planning and reconsidering the best way to reach college students in our community. A team of members who are interested in helping minister to the college students of primarily Loyola and Tulane, has come together, and is working on putting together a weekly devotional lunch in the Land Building. There is good energy around this new ministry opportunity, especially because we are doing it in partnership with a strong on-campus ministry, "Cru," which is led by Adam Suter, the Executive Director of Connect Mission, one of SCAPC's supported ministries. The lunches will start on January 28, 2013.

Caring for the Home Bound

Team members assisted the pastors, as needed, in visits to SCAPC members who are home bound and in nursing homes. Team members also delivered meals, made phone calls, sent notes and helped deliver holiday gift baskets. Easter and Christmas treats were put together for our members residing at Lambeth House and Poydras Home, with a short visit and expression of care.

Flowers

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

Online Daily Devotional

We currently have more than 260 subscribers to this project, which continues to email a daily devotional by Henri Nouwen, along with a scripture and prayer written by Kelly Hostetler each morning to everyone who registers online. While many participating are SCAPC members, there are also other subscribers from other cities and churches around the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Edwards, 2012 Chair

FINANCE TEAM

Chair: Harrison Frampton | Vice-Chair: Peyton Bush

Overview

The church was able to generate an operating surplus again in 2012. Total receipts were 99% of budgeted revenues, reflecting higher-than-budgeted receipts from prior year pledge payments and members without pledges, but significantly lower-than-expected pledge collections. Total operating expenses were kept at 97% of budget through prudent expense management, with the result being a $30,000 surplus for the year. Actual benevolence spending (excluding RHINO) was 15% of total revenues, which matched our budgeted goal.

The church continued to maintain a strong balance sheet with a healthy cash position. An independent review of the financial activities of the church in 2011 was performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville, and no material discrepancies were found.

RHINO Funds

The RHINO program had another successful year as it moved much closer to maintaining self-sufficiency. During 2012, RHINO received over $166,000 to continue its rebuilding projects, including Hurricane Isaac cleanup and our new Camp RHINO summer youth program. By the end of the year, RHINO had received nearly $2 million in contributions since its inception in the Fall of 2005 and had donated $600,000 to Habitat for Humanity during the same period.

Visionary Fund

As has been customary, the Visionary Fund provided significant support for the operations of the church in 2012. Approximately $260,000 was designated from the Visionary Fund to support benevolences, Christian Education, missions, property maintenance, library, scholarships, pastoral housing and employee benefits. However, due to prudent cash management of the Operating Fund, most of this cash was not required to cover operating expenses and thus remained invested in the Visionary Fund portfolio. The total amount thus owed by the Visionary Fund to the Operating Fund at the end of 2012 was $612,000; as long as the Operating Fund continues to maintain its excess cash in Gifts & Memorials and related funds, it will not need to draw this cash from the Visionary Fund. Total donations to the Visionary Fund in 2012 were $107,000. The overall Visionary Fund investment portfolio value increased by 9% in 2012 due to the Finance Committee's balanced portfolio strategy in the stock and bond markets and to the retention of Operating Fund cash in the portfolio.

Forward Together! Capital Campaign and Renovation

Our massive renovation project was largely completed by the end of 2012. Total expenses for the project to date were $3.6 million, of which $3.1 million were spent in 2012. Total net pledge receipts are estimated to reach $4.3 million over the life of the campaign; $3.3 million in payments were received through the end of 2012. In order to complete the renovation, the church established a line of credit with our bank to cover cash needs in the event total pledge receipts lag behind the total cost of the renovation. The total amount drawn on this line as of the end of 2012 was $810,000.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Harrison Frampton, 2012 Chair

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPERATING ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2011 ACTUAL	2012 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 VARIANCE	2013 BUDGET
RECEIPTS					
Pledge Payments	$1,241,655	$1,160,910	$1,284,000	($123,090)	$1,325,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	18,536	49,338	20,000	29,338	30,000
Members without Pledges	37,952	112,342	38,000	74,342	50,000
Visitor and Loose Plate Collections	65,474	65,093	65,000	93	69,882
Subtotal--Donation Revenues	$1,363,616	$1,387,683	$1,407,000	($19,317)	$1,474,882
Visionary Fund Operating Draw	150,000	160,000	160,000	0	165,000
Visionary Fund Pastoral Housing Draw	29,766	31,843	31,843	(0)	32,152
Visionary Fund Employee Benefits Draw	32,972	42,222	40,627	1,595	0
Wedding Revenues (Net)	13,976	12,744	12,000	744	12,000
Other Budgeted Misc. Revenue (Net)				0	
Campus Ministry Revenue	9,403	9,439	10,443	(1,004)	9,439
Interest Income (Net of Fees)	(1,035)	(3,488)	0	(3,488)	
Total Receipts	$1,598,699	$1,640,444	$1,661,913	($21,469)	$1,693,473
DISBURSEMENTS					
Benevolences:					
Presbytery Tax	(24,452)	(28,840)	(28,840)	0	(31,010)
Greater Church	(35,670)	(35,403)	(35,403)	0	(35,910)
Seminary Support	(2,300)	(2,300)	(2,300)	0	(2,300)
Local Projects-Community Ministry	(160,567)	(164,642)	(167,061)	2,419	(175,000)
Missions	(7,491)	(9,249)	(9,414)	165	(5,150)
Total Benevolences	(230,480)	(240,434)	(243,018)	2,584	(249,370)
Adult Christian Ed	(1,955)	(1,739)	(2,800)	1,061	(2,800)
Children's Christian Ed	(13,198)	(10,051)	(14,086)	4,035	(14,086)
Youth & Young Adults Christian Ed	(18,193)	(23,850)	(23,850)	0	(24,720)
Speaker Series	(1,641)	(2,498)	(2,000)	(498)	(2,500)
Congregational Care (incl Campus Ministry)	(8,558)	(5,735)	(13,495)	7,760	(8,750)
Congregational Life	(15,182)	(8,195)	(13,480)	5,285	(18,003)
Property	(251,620)	(269,346)	(271,526)	2,180	(264,409)
Membership	(378)	(494)	(2,000)	1,506	(1,000)
Music	(68,225)	(67,622)	(67,622)	0	(72,268)
Personnel	(891,129)	(926,125)	(936,000)	9,875	(972,500)
Member Involvement	(3,165)	(5,524)	(7,150)	1,626	(1,550)
Stewardship	(366)	(323)	(800)	477	(800)
Worship	(3,106)	(3,522)	(3,700)	178	(4,700)
Office	(56,910)	(44,636)	(60,386)	15,750	(56,017)
Visionary Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	($1,564,107)	($1,610,095)	($1,661,913)	$51,818	($1,693,473)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	**$34,592**	**$30,349**	**$0**	**$30,349**	**$0**

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	$670,557	$440,957	$431,495	$1,539,797	$620,565
Deposits in Transit and Acc Receivable	$73,422	$99,208	$100,933	$152,839	$184,049
Due from Visionary Fund	$146,948	$312,464	$351,699	$563,402	$612,116
Renovation Project Assets					$501,022
Other Assets	$12,382	$16,482	$12,382	$13,991	$12,382
TOTAL ASSETS	$903,309	$869,110	$896,508	$2,270,029	$1,930,134
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	$6,861	$1,317	$10,261	$13,677	$8,140
Accrued Liabilities	$11,877	$15,192	$15,428	$18,962	$20,940
Deferred prepaid pledges received	$235,573	$214,105	$229,369	$191,276	$174,877
Other Deposits received	$2,500	$4,600	$8,500	$8,500	$32,850
Temporary Gifts & Memorials	$25,774	$18,323	$16,796	$3,915	$3,920
Total Current Liabilities	$282,585	$253,537	$280,353	$236,329	$240,728
Gifts & Memorials					
Unrestricted Gifts & Memorials	$12,374	$9,212	$10,073	$12,610	$29,766
Restricted Gifts & Memorials	$71,053	$72,574	$65,069	$59,461	$61,936
RHINO Fund	$212,965	$153,934	$155,316	$132,439	$151,450
Total Gifts & Memorials	$296,392	$235,720	$230,458	$204,509	$243,152
Other Liabilities					
Renovation Fund		$5,000	$61,792	$1,620,045	$402,759
Reserve for Major Maintenance (PPRSM)	$3,279	$25,000	$11,000	$15,000	$15,000
Bank Loans Payable					$810,000
Total Other Liabilities	$3,279	$30,000	$72,792	$1,635,045	$1,227,759
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$582,255	$519,257	$583,603	$2,075,883	$1,711,639
CAPITAL					
Prior Year Surplus	$321,053	$349,854	$312,905	$194,146	$218,495
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	$903,309	$869,110	$896,508	$2,270,029	$1,930,134

UNBUDGETED FUNDS SUMMARY	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sources of Unbudgeted Funds					
Funds from Gifts & Memorials	265,359	262,887	254,994	227,532	206,448
Funds from Property Maintenance Reserve	47,535	3,279	43,730	0	0
Funds from Prior Year Surplus	485	58,192	61,622	150,852	6,000
Funds from Capital Campaign Pledges				251,021	2,317,454
Funds from Bank Loans					810,000
Funds from Nursery School			$18,388	1,800	
Funds from Visionary Fund			$378,161		
Total Sources of Unbudgeted Funds	$313,379	$324,358	$756,894	$631,204	$3,339,902
Uses of Unbudgeted Funds					
Gifts & Memorials Expenses	(33,245)	(73,450)	(92,799)	(77,495)	(39,969)
RHINO expenses	($232,113)	($189,437)	($162,195)	(150,036)	(172,479)
Renovation Expenses		($37,682)	(40,622)	(368,763)	(3,127,454)
Audit/Review Expenses		($8,000)			
Other Capital Expenditures	($48,021)	(15,790)	($461,278)	(33,109)	0
Total Uses of Unbudgeted Funds	($313,379)	($324,359)	($756,894)	($629,404)	($3,339,902)

RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Beginning RHINO Fund	$232,903	$212,965	$153,934	$155,316	$132,439
RHINO Receipts--Undivided					
RHINO Receipts--Currrent Year Fees	$41,894	$87,291	$84,187	$91,588	$127,746
RHINO Receipts--Donations	$170,281	$43,116	$79,390	$19,521	$38,526
Total RHINO Receipts--Current Year	$212,175	$130,406	$163,577	$111,109	$166,272
RHINO Expenses--Undivided					
RHINO Expenses--Lodging	($40,689)	($122,268)	($110,344)	($97,277)	($103,175)
RHINO Expenses--Projects	($87,500)				
RHINO Expenses--Staff	($103,924)	($53,209)	($44,800)	($39,581)	($48,067)
RHINO Expenses--Food, Supplies		($13,960)	($7,052)	($13,179)	($21,238)
Total RHINO Expenses--Current Year	($232,114)	($189,437)	($162,195)	($150,036)	($172,479)
Net Surplus (Deficit)--Current Year	($19,938)	($59,031)	$1,382	($38,927)	($6,208)
RHINO Receipts--Future Year Bookings				$16,050	$25,219
Ending RHINO Fund	$212,965	$153,934	$155,316	$132,439	$151,450

FORWARD TOGETHER! Capital Campaign and Renovation	2009 - 2011	2012	Cumulative 2012	Estimated Remaining	Estimated Total
Receipts					
Pledge payments received	$1,875,262	$1,405,202	$3,280,464	$1,059,163	$4,339,627
Drawn from Prior Year Surplus	$196,047		$196,047	$0	$196,047
Other income/transaction fees	($4,196)	$900	($3,296)	($1,000)	($4,296)
NET RECEIPTS	$2,067,113	$1,406,102	$3,473,215	$1,058,163	$4,531,378
Expenses					
Contractual Hard Costs (Construction Contract)	$0	($2,649,982)	($2,649,982)	($495,172)	($3,145,154)
Contractual Soft Costs:					
Architectural Fees	($280,668)	($94,756)	($375,424)	($3,530)	($378,954)
Consultant Fees (Engineering, Acoustical, etc.	($65,132)	($7,311)	($72,443)	($14,655)	($87,098)
Other Consultants, Miscellaneous	($5,404)	($6,207)	($11,611)	($3,389)	($15,000)
Total Contractual Soft Costs	($351,204)	($108,274)	($459,478)	($21,574)	($481,052)
Other Soft Costs (Windows, Furniture, Legal, et	($84,589)	($367,583)	($452,172)	($85,283)	($537,455)
Additional Project Expenses	($11,275)		($11,275)	$0	($11,275)
Interest Expense	$0	($1,615)	($1,615)	($10,385)	($12,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	($447,068)	($3,127,454)	($3,574,522)	($612,414)	($4,186,936)
Net Project Surplus (Deficit)	$1,620,045	($1,721,352)	($101,307)	$445,749	$344,442
Designated Reserve for Benevolence Component					($337,963)
Estimated Potential Surplus (Deficit)					$6,479

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VISIONARY FUND	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NET ASSETS					
Cash--Money Market Fund	504,235	250,065	109,337	109,348	4,356
Investments at Market Value	3,563,931	4,640,871	4,946,101	4,816,093	5,363,764
Due From (To) Church Operating Acct	(146,948)	(312,464)	(351,699)	(563,402)	(612,116)
Net Fund Assets	$3,921,217	$4,578,472	$4,703,740	$4,362,039	$4,756,004
NET FUNDS					
Unrestricted Fund	$568,814	$697,655	$757,641	$702,821	$814,315
Benevolences Fund	$642,290	$742,981	$793,859	$736,240	$790,803
Missions Fund	$93,464	$108,011	$116,523	$108,066	$116,075
Seminary Support Fund	$35,453	$40,971	$43,776	$40,599	$43,608
Counseling Fund	$8,974	$10,370	$11,080	$10,276	$11,038
Favrot Fund	$171,045	$197,787	$211,331	$195,993	$210,518
Christian Education Fund	$51,710	$59,964	$68,267	$63,410	$68,418
Flowers Fund	$13,670	$15,798	$16,880	$15,655	$16,815
Music Fund	$34,594	$39,978	$42,716	$39,615	$42,551
Speakers Fund	$34,628	$40,018	$42,758	$39,655	$42,594
Property Fund	$146,789	$169,635	$189,240	$175,505	$188,316
Meier Campus Ministry Fund	$44,408	$51,320	$54,834	$50,854	$54,623
Maddox Property Maintenance Fund	$838,798	$969,347	$1,016,134	$942,383	$1,012,223
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	$89,347	$108,178	$112,934	$109,771	$119,053
Trustees' Discretionary Fund	$29,100	$35,181	$38,153	$37,084	$41,734
Reddoch Scholarship Fund	$21,078	$25,036	$27,945	$26,676	$28,332
Turfitt Scholarship Fund	$103,454	$125,319	$134,355	$125,246	$132,509
Phifer Library Fund	$24,599	$27,562	$29,602	$27,588	$28,796
Employee Benefits Fund	$139,220	$112,367	$70,366	$23,402	$21,444
Pastoral Housing Fund	$641,723	$742,694	$796,068	$744,842	$802,391
Lupberger Theological Fund	$17,298	$29,615	$42,733	$49,840	$49,698
Peirce-Geiser Fund	$11,899	$36,338	$44,903	$56,044	$74,601
Evans Property Maintenance Fund	$158,865	$192,348	$41,641	$40,475	$45,549
Total All Funds	$3,921,217	$4,578,472	$4,703,740	$4,362,039	$4,756,004

EARNINGS--YEAR TO DATE	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Beginning Asset Balances	$4,733,917	$3,921,218	$4,578,473	$4,703,740	$4,230,804
Realized Investment Income	167,028	162,757	135,387	83,979	87,421
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	(462,894)	(349,465)	86,932	199,429	89,297
Contributions Received	494,662	62,428	285,057	23,030	107,114
Draw for Church Operations	(160,000)	(148,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(160,000)
Draw for Employee Benefits & Pension	(34,453)	(46,463)	(49,351)	(46,290)	(46,170)
Draw for Pastoral Housing	(35,914)	(28,315)	(29,493)	(29,766)	(31,843)
Transfer to Operating Fund					(104,000)
Other Distributions Made	(20,237)	(5,165)	(436,200)	(8,676)	(22,815)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(760,891)	1,009,478	282,935	(544,642)	606,196
Ending Asset Balances	$3,921,218	$4,578,473	$4,703,740	$4,230,804	$4,756,004

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Chair: Aimée! Bell | Vice-Chair: Bob Vorhoff

Session Retreat

Planning for the 2012 Session Retreat began in August 2011. The retreat was held at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger, LA on January 27 and 28, 2012 with 50 elders, staff members and Team members attending over the two-day event. The January Session meeting was held on January 27, 2012. Team members not on the Session joined the retreat on Saturday, January 28, 2012 to set goals for the year and continue to find ways to implement the suggestions from the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church (SCAPC) 2011-2013 Long Range Plan. SCAPC paid for the retreat.

Session Nominating Team

The Session Nominating Team, with input from the congregation and pastors, prepared a slate of candidates to select the new elder class of 2015, which was then elected by the congregation.

New Team Description

In 2012 the Leadership Development Team was renamed the Membership Involvement (MI) Team. In an effort to understand the role of the new MI Team, a new team description was created.

Membership Involvement Team Proposal

Essentially the current MI Team is divided into two major roles that are very important to the life of the church: Leadership Development and Servant Leadership. The Team tried not to shirk from any intended responsibilities, and proposed team infrastructures that can be realistically sustained and perpetuated. They are as follows:

Proposal 1: Find a better team placement for the Servant Leadership role.

Proposal 2: Create two separate teams for the two large roles of the Membership Involvement Team.

No action was made on these proposals.

Find Your Fit

The chairman worked with Michele Murphy to coordinate the "Find Your Fit" event in September.

Class of 2015 Elder Training

Kelly Hostetler trained the class of 2015 elders-elect. The new elders were examined by the session on Monday, November 19, 2012, and gave their faith journeys. The Session confirmed all members of the Class of 2015. All elders of the Class of 2015 were ordained and installed on Sunday, December 2, 2012.

Presbytery Meeting Commissioners

The chair recruited Session members to volunteer as commissioners for the three regular and called meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana (PSL). The chair shared information provided by the PSL with Session members and team chairs regarding pertinent upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimée! Bell, 2012 Chair

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Chair: Margaret Ann Lindsey | Vice-Chair: Gwen Wertz

I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:40

2012 was a marvelous year in respect of 82 new members joining our congregation! Over the past two years 182 new members have been received. A growing and participating membership is important for the life of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. The transfusion of new energy, talents and interests will enhance the outreach of the church in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Membership Team is responsible for welcoming visitors and determining their interests. Except for the friendship pad and suggestions of members, the Team would be limited in its efforts. Visitors receive personal letters from the pastors and from various members of the Team. A Team member contacts visitors who record a phone number or email address.

New members choose St. Charles because of the quality of preaching, the marvelous music program, the opportunities for Christian outreach and the friendliness of the congregation. After joining, they attend an orientation at which chairs of Session Teams explain the responsibilities of their Teams. New members are encouraged to attend "Presbyterian 101," a one-hour class taught by one of our pastors. Many church members have generously opened their homes for "New Member Brunches." The entire congregation has an opportunity to meet new members at an annual reception.

Those on the Membership Team have enthusiastically given their time and talents during 2012; WE ARE A TEAM. Our work, however, would be in vain were it not for the support of our pastors, the Session and members of the congregation. We are grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Ann Lindsey, 2012 Chair

PERSONNEL TEAM

Chair: Richard Seelman | Vice-Chair: John Hope

Kelly Hostetler's Sabbatical

Kelly took her previously approved sabbatical during the summer of 2012, which was part of her original terms of call with SCAPC. Don, with able assistance from our summer seminary interns, Elinor Dale and Alex Cornell, successfully covered Kelly's job duties during her sabbatical.

Staff Interviews

During November, members of the Personnel Team met with the pastors and all staff members on an individual basis to discuss their job duties and level of satisfaction with their work at the church, as well as to hear any work-related problems or concerns they might have. The Personnel Team was pleased to learn that there continues to be a very high overall level of job satisfaction among the staff, and the Team members repeatedly heard that the collegial atmosphere makes SCAPC a desirable place to work. The Team let the staff members know how much their work and contributions to the church are appreciated, particularly given the challenges that the church renovations presented in their work environment.

Staff Salaries and Benefits

In November, the Personnel Team worked with Wayne Wilcox, Don Frampton and Kelly Hostetler to review proposed staff salaries and benefits for 2013. Once the Personnel Team's 2013 budget was received from the Finance Team, staff and pastor salaries and benefits were established.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Seelman, 2012 Chair

PROPERTY TEAM

Chair: John Morton IV | Vice-Chair: Jeff Mazzanti

Isaac damage discussion:

Total Hurricane Isaac repair expenses approximately $50,000, including: New roof for Land Building; Removal of felled sweet gum tree and stump; Repair of wrought iron fence at Land Building; Removal of rain water from and sanitizing of small basement; Replacement and relocation of trumpet blower motor in small basement; Sanctuary roof and tower repairs. We received only a small payment from our insurance policy, as we have a 2% storm deductible.

Land Building:

As noted, the roof and the wrought iron fence along the south property line have been replaced We commissioned a contractor to examine the flooring, the crawl space, and the ceiling for structural concerns. He did recognize some possible issues with some plumbing, but otherwise he did not find any significant issues relating to structural integrity or termites. As we discuss the Land Building, we are recognizing greater issues that will significantly outpace our expected budgetary limitations that we will examine in greater detail, once the Renovation project is complete.

General Property matters:

We installed nine new security cameras, including some to monitor the new garden. We continue to examine the water damage in sanctuary and the analysis of its sources. Durable Slate repaired the flashing, did minor roof repairs, and replaced the hatch in the tower, which should help lessen these issues. Current theory is that the main gutters at the roof line are failing and either need to be patched or replaced.

- *We engaged Durable Slate to add downspout drainage to the west side aisle roof on the sanctuary to alleviate all drain overflows. We are still working in bids for gutter replacement.*
- *The State Street and St. Charles Avenue street lights were repaired, but went out again at the end of the year.*
- *Stanchions have been acquired for crowd control needs.*
- *The Narthex a/c replacement will be replaced in early 2013.*
- *The new freezer has been delivered.*
- *Our Property & Liability Insurance premium decreased by $7,000, but is expected to go up in 2013 because of the added value of the renovated space.*
- *We added new landscaping in Nursery yard*

Renovation Project:

Despite numerous challenges, Wayne Willcox and the Renovation Committee kept the project in line with our timelines and budget. Many prospective changes emerged during the project, but we managed to stay close to budget, with an estimated $20,000 in overages at this writing. We expect to be ready for our Dedication in late January 2013.

The Renovation Project includes a new chapel, repositioned chapel organ, enhanced and widened corridors and entryways, refurbished Fellowship Hall, classrooms and parlors, a new Phifer Library, new bathrooms, a completely renovated unisex bathroom, a new columbarium and garden, and extensive landscaping between St Charles Avenue and Benjamin Street.

Financials and Budget:

A budget was presented to the Finance Committee and was accepted. Even after paying for the new Land Building roof and the fencing repairs, we still were able to remain within budget. Thanks to Wayne for his invaluable leadership, effort and expertise in overseeing the massive property concerns in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
John Morton IV, 2012 Chair

STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT

Chair: Dawn Talbot | Vice-Chair: Hallie Boh

SCAPC is a growing, thriving, active church. As such, we thought "Growing Our Faith, Deepening Our Roots" was a great theme for our Stewardship Campaign. We highlighted everything the church is doing for its members, its community and the world at large, with the goal of reminding members that none of these efforts is possible without a successful stewardship campaign (and the ultimate collection of those promised dollars).

Early in 2012, we sent a thank you note to everyone who had pledged for the year. This served as both a way to introduce the incoming stewardship team and to make sure those contributing members receive the thanks they so deserve.

Members of the Team continued to greet new members every Sunday. We welcomed them and asked them to please consider giving everything they can (of their time, talents and treasures) as long as they are members. Many new members responded by making a pledge in 2012.

The Stewardship team provided the "call to the offering" each Sunday for the year (it was read by the pastors or the liturgist). The "call" highlighted a program, mission, or church activity that is "possible" because of stewardship or offering collections.

We kicked off the stewardship season on September 30. We sent to all members a letter and a testimonial brochure that arrived the first week of October. Each Sunday for four weeks, the call for the offering highlighted a specific mission of the church (Youth and Young Adults, Christian Education, World Mission) culminating with Community Ministry on the final week during "Community Ministry" Sunday.

The first two weeks of November, more than a dozen dedicated members helped with follow-up phone calls to provide a gentle nudge to those who had not yet submitted pledges. Thank you to Sorrell Lanier for hosting three phoning evenings at Lanier Engineers, and providing soft drinks for all who participated. And, a big thank you goes to the callers.

In late December, Don Frampton sent a "blind" letter (he did not know who would be receiving his letter) to all past pledgers who had not yet pledged to provide another nudge.

As of January 3, 2013, we have received just over $1.25 million in pledges, with the hopes that more pledges will arrive in early 2013. We were glad to receive 29 new pledges in 2012, and increased pledges from 142 pledgers.

I am grateful for the continued support, advice, and help received all year from Team members, Hallie Boh and Scott Zander. Hallie also created a beautiful logo for our campaign. Kyle Focht, Carol Pointer, and Wayne Willcox provided HOURS of effort, advice and humor to get us successfully to the finish line. Thanks also to Don and Kelly for their words of encouragement and constant support.

My biggest thanks are reserved for the members of SCAPC, who are extremely generous with their time, talent and treasure. We have often said this year "those to whom much is given … much is required." Thank you for fulfilling your requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Talbot, 2012 Chair

WORLD MISSIONS TEAM

Chair: Michelle Baker | Vice-Chair: Askala Harris

Overview

Charged by the new Long Range Plan to enhance awareness of and opportunities for global missions, we continued our support of on-going projects, partnerships and mission co-workers, and launched two new projects. In the spring, a team went to Cuba to install our first water purification system, trained by Living Waters for the World, a project of our neighboring Synod, which generated excitement within the congregation. Also in the spring we held an educational and fellowship event focused on learning about mission and culture in Africa. In June we welcomed a sponsored mission co-worker who is a liaison to Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and nearby areas. Another team went in November to install a second Living Waters water system in Cuba.

Missionary Support

We continued our financial support of Dennis and Maribel Smith, who just pulled up life-long roots in Guatemala and moved to Argentina; Jo-Ella Holman, the new liaison to the Caribbean region, including Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the Cayman Islands, and the Dominican Republic; Les and Cindy Morgan, who have been working in Bangladesh since 1989; and Inge and Larry Sthreshley, who have worked as mission co-workers in the Congo and in Cameroon since 1987. We also support Robert Gamble, the Director of This Child Here in Ukraine, which helps children living on the street by providing food, shelter, psychological support and health care when needed.

Cuba Partnership

By the end of this year, teams from our church will have installed two water filtration systems, designed by Living Waters for the World, in locations in Cuba.

Fellowship and Educational Event

In the spring we held our first "Mission Is Possible" event, this one focused on Africa. Members who had lived or done mission work in Africa shared their knowledge with us, and two members who sponsor children living in Africa through World Vision spoke about their experiences. We learned about and purchased beads, soap, and other products produced by women in Uganda through a program called Beads for Life, and we enjoyed food from Ethiopia. We hope to continue this model and sponsor events in the future with focuses on other regions.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Baker, 2012 Chair

WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM

Chair: Randy Evans | Vice-Chair: Wendi Adams

OVERVIEW OF GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Worship and Music Team is responsible for providing support to the pastors and Director of Music for services of worship.

Communion

Team duties included preparation of the elements for communion (carefully handled by Team member Mayson Buffington) and recruitment of elders to distribute the elements. We alternated between the "in pew" style (four times) and the "down front" style (six times), one of which was by intinction. We received kind words about the three forms of communion, and felt it was important to try to maintain a bit of a balance. As communion is such a vital part of Christian worship, special emphasis this year has been placed on better coordination and presentation of communion.

Baptisms

The team was responsible for obtaining Session approval for baptisms and, at times, assigning an elder sponsor for the family. This year twenty baptisms were approved.

Flowers

Team member Jennie Steele did a wonderful job of 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 and Acolytes

Geoff Snodgrass did a wonderful job as chief usher, expanding the number of usher teams from five to six, and recruiting new ushers. Michele Murphy skillfully served as acolyte coordinator.

Sanctuary Banners

The Team thanks the sextons for installing two sets of special sanctuary banners this year--- Palm Sunday banners designed and created by Donna Davis, and Advent Banners designed and created by award winning artist, Patti Adams.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services

The Palm Sunday Service included palm banners, a children's procession with palms and a special choral service with orchestra under the expert direction of Steven Blackmon, presenting Mozart's Grand Mass in C Minor. A Maundy Thursday evening service was held in the sanctuary, with communion. The very powerful Good Friday service continued to grow in attendance. As usual, the Easter Sunday services saw every seat filled as the children placed flowers on the cross at the 10:30am Easter service.

Selley Speaker Series

The wonderful Selley Speaker Series was held on April 22 with the incredible Rev. Dr. Mark Labberton, Professor and Chair of Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Summer Sundays

A single, unified service was held at 9:30 a.m. during the summer months.

Heritage Sunday

A special service to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church was held and included kilts, bagpipes and drums. Dave Grissett graciously coordinated this impressive service. Also during this time, all fifty-year members were honored with a presentation during the service, followed by a reception where music and food were provided.

Lupberger Lecture

Noted theologian and Harvard Scholar Dr. Harvey Cox was the 2012 Lupberger Lecturer on November 4. Dr. Cox is the author of The Future of Faith which was the topic of an adult education class this year.

Christmas Services

The choir and orchestra, directed by Steven Blackmon, presented the annual "Celebration of Carols" including Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Hodie" on December 16. As always, two Christmas Eve services were held: a family service at 5 p.m. which had standing room only attendance, and the 7:00 pm service which followed the traditional readings and carols format, with communion by intinction served down front.

Other Special Services

Other special worship services included the insightful Youth Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and the Installation and Ordination of elders.

HOT TOPICS

Third Service on Sunday evenings

Although the possibility of a Sunday evening service has been discussed by our team for several years, we continued our 16 month focused research and consideration of such a service after the Long Range Planning Task Force made this recommendation and the Session charged us to consider that recommendation.

Based upon that research we concluded that the creation of a Sunday evening service would provide an additional opportunity for SCAPC members to attend worship regularly, as well as attract new members. We currently envision the service to be traditional worship, minister led, in the chapel, with music, an offering taken, with communion served occasionally, casual attire, and lasting 45 minutes.

Members of our Team then met with the various SCAPC groups and Teams to obtain feedback on the concept. We also conducted a congregational survey on the possibility, and the results were very favorable, with over 60% believing that a Sunday evening service would result in more regular attendance by existing members and attract new members. Among members 60 or younger, the favorable numbers were 4 to 1, and among persons 60 or younger who self-identified as non-regular worshippers, the favorable numbers were 9 to 1.

While our Team felt the results of our study and survey to be conclusive, we also concluded that a third service should only be led by a full time SCAPC minister. Since Don and Kelly's schedules are already overloaded, we recommended to the Session that a Sunday evening service be initiated upon the hiring of a second Associate Pastor. The timing and possible necessity of such a hire is being considered by the Finance and Personnel teams who will report back to the Session in due course.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Evans, 2012 Chair

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT TEAM

Chair: Matt Hinson | Vice-Chair: Kelley McWhirter

Overview

During its sophomore year of existence, the youthful Youth and Young Adults Team built upon the foundation laid in 2011 by clarifying the specific rolls of each sub-team and designating Matt Hinson & Kelley McWhirter as each sub-team's leader. In their newly appointed rolls, each was responsible for carrying out the vision for each ministry put forth at the 2012 session retreat.

20/30

During the 2012 session retreat it was agreed that the 20/30 Ministry had a solid foundation of programming thanks to the work of past chairs not least of which was Kelley McWhirter. However, there was consensus that we should redouble our efforts to provide a well balance ministry and include more spiritual development in the form of a 20/30 devoted Sunday school class. Both notions were based upon input received from existing 20/30s and new members alike.

The spring 2012 calendar was roughly similar to that of 2013. Based on our plan laid out at the 2012 session retreat and after solicitation of feedback from various 20/30s, a Wednesday night Bible Study was attempted in the Fall of 2012 in conjunction with the revitalization of Wednesday Night out. However, it never got off the ground. The 20/30 Leadership Team is currently reviewing and de-briefing from that failed attempt.

That being said, it was a great year on the whole. The 20/30 Ministry continues to be vibrant and vital. It will continue to pursue its role as an entry point for new members and develop its programming to better meet the varying spiritual needs of those in the age bracket.

Youth

Whereas the 20/30 Ministry has a solid amount of inertia and momentum in what we feel is a good direction, the Youth Ministry at SCAPC was in a much earlier stage of development at the beginning of 2012. We set many goals including, but not limited to the following:

Delegating to and incorporating congregation at involvement with particular emphasis on youth and their parents. The primary goal we could identify was communication. One of the concrete accomplishments of the year was the completion of our first Youth Directory. The project was predominantly youth led, and many thanks go to Shelby Sundmaker, Casey Root, and Patrick & Claire Adams for that, as well as Lee Anne Trichel & Kyle Focht in providing guidance & direction.

Building on the foundation laid the previous year we changed name of ministry to "The Journey" and, in terms of building on the foundation, the numbers speak for themselves:

- We had successful confirmation, Jr. High Mission, Mo-Ranch, Montreat, Camp RHINO, and Fall Retreat Trips.
- We renewed our annual fall kick off known as "SummerFest" with great success. We averaged ~30 youth a night during the fall with over 40 showing up for our "SCAPC Olympics" and 80 different youth participating in one or more aspect of the ministry throughout the year.
- During Sunday night programming we wrapped up our long series on the Gospel of John – where we "laid the foundation" of belief in Jesus Christ – during the spring, and embarked on our "Journey" with a new series of the same name.

Generally speaking, our Youth & Young Adults are awesome. Our Leadership Teams are awesome. Our leaders are awesome. And Andy is awesome. Despite all that, we have not lost sight of the fact that there is always room for improvement. And, we are poised to do so and continue building on the good work of those before us during 2013. The work has already begun!

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Hinson, 2012 Chair

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