

## St Timothy's Memorial Chapel Committee

### Report to Yellowstone Presbytery

February 2013

The committee meeting was opened with prayer. Those in attendance were Jane Baker, Ed Leipheimer, Ray Tribelhorn, Ron Hanson, Diana Neely, MilAnn Combs, R. D. Corette, Gary Rowe, Cal Boyle and Art Neill. Cynthia Tribelhorn was a guest.

Major items on the Agenda were:

**Worship Attendance** - Ron read a recap of our attendance over the last several years. Attendance has been going down. Wayne Bolton, our summer pastor, had suggested that we consider sharing our worship services with other congregations in an effort to get the word out about the Chapel and our services. Some discussion followed on this issue including how to better advertise the Chapel and the possibility of adding special musical performances to our worship services. More will follow on this including the long-range planning committee discussing it at their next meeting.

**Access Road Relocation** - MilAnn and R. D. reported on a meeting with John and Connie Fitzpatrick. Also, R. D. has been in contact with ARCO's attorney Mr. Davis. When ARCO reaches an agreement with John Fitzpatrick then the county road can be relocated behind the Chapel and our landscaping work can be completed. This should happen in 2013.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - This anniversary celebration will be held in 2015. We should look at fundraising opportunities in planning for this event. Parameters need to be set for all of this and the long-range planning group will set these at their next meeting.

**Maintenance** - Repair work is needed on the bronze plaque at the entrance to the Chapel. A repair firm needs to be looked up, possibly one in Anaconda. The stone on the front walk needs to be repaired. Ron will look for someone to do this.

**Standing Rule Change** – Art led a discussion on the changes to Article III of the Standing Rules which had been approved by the members in an e-mail vote in December. Words which were deleted are underlined; words added are in **bold**.

### Article III –Members

St Timothy’s Chapel is a specialized ministry and not a constituted congregation, nor is the summer pastor installed. Thus there is no category of communicant membership as there is in a constituted Christian congregation with an installed pastor.

Membership of the Chapel Committee consists of seven (7) Presbyterians from the area, of whom up to three (3) shall be area Presbyterian pastors. One of the seven shall be elected chair of the Committee. In addition, there shall be up to three (3) seven (7) members committed to the Chapel ministry from the area non-Presbyterian congregations: and up to (4) representatives of the donor family. The summer pastor(s), representatives of Yellowstone Presbytery, and other members of the donor family may attend meetings in an ex-officio capacity without vote. The positions of treasurer and calendar secretary are ex-officio without vote.

Nomination and election to the Chapel Committee is only as described in Article V of these Standing Rules. No individual member of the Chapel Committee is authorized to act on his or her own without prior permission of the entire committee. All action normally begins in sub-committees which is then recommended to the entire Chapel Committee in meeting which provides authorization unless prior exception has been granted.

**Rational for these changes** - This coming year we will begin preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Timothy. We will need to find additional members for the committee who know the Chapel well, and its ministry programs, have been active in Chapel programs and who are able to attend a number of the summer services. It is difficult for many of our Presbyterian members to be active in Chapel affairs. The pastors on the Committee have so many significant responsibilities at their own churches that it is hard for them to attend meetings and impossible to attend services. The same is true for some of the other Presbyterian committee members. There are a number of folks who live ( at least in the summer ) in the Georgetown Lake area who love the Chapel and its ministry, attend summer services on a fairly regular basis and wish to be more active in supporting the Chapel. They are not necessarily Presbyterians but otherwise meet all of the requirements for voting membership on the Committee. We will continue to have the same number of Presbyterians on the Committee but this change will allow us to add up to four more ecumenical voting members. Additionally, the Book of Order G-3.0106 provides that “A council may delegate aspects of its tasks as it deems appropriate provided that those entities remain accountable to the council” (i.e. Yellowstone Presbytery).

Reasons for the second change are as follows: We no longer have a calendar secretary on the committee and those duties, as well as others, are taken care of by the recording secretary. Also, the recording secretary as well as the treasurer, if they meet the eligibility requirements should be active voting members of the Committee.

**Action requested** – The Standing Rules require concurrence of Yellowstone Presbytery in order for any change to become effective. The committee hereby requests that concurrence.