

## MFSA SWT Chapter Meeting Minutes 9/15/05

### Meeting Agenda

1. Mingle & Gather
2. Opening Prayer & Song
3. Steering Committee Status Report
  - Meeting members confirmed the following officers:
    - Glen Langford, Chair
    - Jane Florence, Co-Chair
    - Secretary, Tara Thronson
    - Communications, John Yeaman
    - Treasurer, Rowland Curry
    - Members at Large
      - Adam Fambroogh
      - Bob Carter
      - David Mitschelen
      - Paul F. Perry
      - Sharon Warner
      - Susan Spraque
  - Steering Committee Open Officer
    - Webmaster
  - Steering Committee Members-at-Large Needed
    - 1 representative plus 1 alternate from each church
    - Maximum of 20 committee members
    - 9 open spaces (contact Glen or Jane)
    - Current representation: Grace, Manchaca, St. John's, Trinity, University
  - Process to Become Official Chapter
    - Over 12 paid members - Done
    - Support MFSA Purposes - Done
    - Corporate study 12 hours
    - Adoption of Organizational Structure
      - Officers
      - By-Laws
      - Other Chapter Formation Procedures
  - Steering Committee Goal: Enable the chapter to take action as a chapter while working to fulfill the chapter formation requirements in the background.
4. Study Session
  - Discussed what we would like to study together as a chapter
  - As a large group would like to start with something at a "beginner's level".
  - Group decided we will start with *Walking Humbly, Doing Justice* (Item#/ISBN: 511937)

- Members do not have to buy the book, but if they are interested the book is \$8 at [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com)
  - Susan Sprague will ask the Cokesbury store to order copies of *Walking Humbly, Doing Justice* and the *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church*
    - NOTE: If you are interested in either of these books, please let Susan know so she can give Cokesbury an accurate count of how many to order. Susan can be contacted at: [susan@tumc.org](mailto:susan@tumc.org)
  - *Hard Ball on Holy Ground* was recommended as a good follow-up to *Methodism at Risk*. Group will consider corporate study of this at a later meeting.
    - NOTE: Fred Kandeler can be emailed for a copy of *Hard Ball on Holy Ground* at [ekandeler@satx.rr.com](mailto:ekandeler@satx.rr.com).
  - Group agreed that the priority working teams may want to study books together which are more relevant to their area of focus.
5. Prepare for Breakout Sessions
- Identify leadership team including a Team Leader and Communications Chair
  - Minimum Team: 3 participants
  - Determine communication method (i.e. email, yahoo groups, phone tree, combo, etc)
  - Determine next meeting date & time
  - Discuss goal and objectives
  - Brainstorm activities and next steps. i.e. What activities will help this team accomplish it's goals?
6. Breakout Sessions for each of the priorities. Participants were asked to identify their #1 priority they would like to support for the next 6 months. If there is interest in supporting one of these groups, please contact the Team Leader.
- Nonviolence / Anti-war / Peace
    - Team Leader : Janice Curry - [jcurry@austinisd.org](mailto:jcurry@austinisd.org)
    - Communications Chair: Pat Stewart
  - Dismantling Racism
    - Team Leader : Jim Newman – [Jim.Newman@hpsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Jim.Newman@hpsc.state.tx.us)  
458-3714
    - Communications Chair: same
  - Monitoring the Conservative Renewal Movement in the UMC & Theological Integrity
    - Team Leader : John Anderson - [Janderson@mbfc.com](mailto:Janderson@mbfc.com)
    - Communications Chair: Rowland Curry
  - LGBT Issues
    - Team Leader : Earley Ullrich - [swdolphins@hotmail.com](mailto:swdolphins@hotmail.com)
    - Communications Chair: Vanessa De La Rosa
  - State-wide Issues

- Team Leader : Susan Sprague (temporary) - [susan@tumc.org](mailto:susan@tumc.org)
- Communications Chair: Eric Thronson

7. Wrap up & Closing Song

8. Other Notes:

- Next Charter meeting is currently scheduled for Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.  
Location and date will be communicated at a later date.
- MFSA Executive committee & National Board meeting is Oct 12-15<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. Fred Kandeler is attending.