

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
Long Range Planning Committee Minutes
October 24, 2006

The LRPC met in the Annex at 7:00 PM, October 24, 2005. Those present were Skip Cain, Bob Craig, David Jones, Kathy Richardson, Russ Simpkins, Carl Wickizer and guest John Haynes. Russ opened the meeting with prayer.

John Haynes reported on the “Breakthrough Leadership Conference” he recently attended in St. Louis, along with David. A discussion ensued of the value of the conference for leaders of WCPC and, based on its high appraisal, how could we provide the training for more of our leaders. Since this was the first of a kind, the organizers (Stephen Ministry) are still considering how to best disseminate the course material. It was agreed that we should budget for two more lay persons to attend next year, and in the meantime work at applying the principles at WCPC.

Next, was an open discussion of how we should proceed with implementation of the recently issued “Roadmap to the Future”. Agreement was reached on the following principles and actions.

1. We must make sure that the document does not just become a file memo with no meaningful follow-up. We will not “take actions”, but we will plant seeds, nourish the seedlings.
2. Where the goals fall within the scope of existing committees or other organizations, the appropriate committee/organization should take the lead in pursuit of the goal. The LRPC will offer its help where help is desired, and monitor overall progress on behalf of the session.
3. Where there is no existing organization with appropriate scope, the LRPC will initiate action (as needed) through recommendations to the session.
4. We will make efforts to publicly recognize and celebrate progress milestones.
5. We must be careful not to push too fast or too hard; rather we must empower individuals and organizations to innovate freely, provided the session agrees that actions are in accord with the direction set forth in the document.

We agreed upon the following initial tasks for the LRPC, based on our understanding of the highest priorities for timely action.

- Worship: LRPC representatives meet with worship committee to share concerns and volunteer help where needed. Bob and Carl, ASAP.
- Leadership: Develop a recommendation to session to begin reducing number of elected officers prior to next nomination cycle. LRPC members study and finalize recommendation at next meeting. Bob will seek input from the Chair of the Board of Deacons as to the number of Deacons going forward.
- Small Groups: David has already begun the process to start the task force for small groups.

- Facilities: Task Force should be appointed within next month. Skip and Carl to assist David.

We will urge all groups to relook at their plans and make sure their programs are focused on progress toward the primary mission and the seven goals of WCPC.

The next LRPC meeting will be at 7:00 PM, November 21, in the annex.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with prayer by David.