

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report for Ad Council – December 18, 2013

SPRC met on Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 with eight present. Our mission statement is: ***To encourage, challenge and support the congregation, leaders and staff by nurturing positive relationships, for the unity of the church.***

1. One item on the agenda was an update on the hiring of a Youth Director. So far no one has been hired, but arrangements have been made for teaching the High School Sunday School class. Shane & Jacque Truitt and Chad & Maria Smith will be sharing that responsibility starting in January. No plans are in place at this time to resume the Sunday evening youth group.
2. The SPRC also filled out the required yearly consultation form that has been mailed to the district superintendent. While the United Methodist has an appointive system of assigning pastors to local churches, the bishop and district superintendents confer with the local churches in an advisory capacity to assess how the current pastor fits with the church. It was the unanimous decision of the SPRC that Julius be returned for another conference year to pastor this congregation.
3. The SPRC has been very busy during 2013 and we anticipate a productive year in 2014. In addition to the sub-teams which meet as the need arises, the entire SPRC will meet bi-monthly in 2014. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of even months – February, April, June, August, October and December. Other meeting will be held if needed.
4. Reports were heard from sub-teams and individual contact persons regarding the ministry of the paid staff. At this point things are working well and there are no issues pending. There are two sub-teams this year. Those working with the nursery, children and youth ministry are *Matt Burks (chair), Chad Smith, Jacque Truitt and Karen Shearer*. Each of them has been assigned one staff person to contact monthly to see how things are going. The other sub-team is composed of *Joan Schlanker (chair), John Strange, Mark Maddox and Scott Schnell*. They work with the secretary, custodian, and traditional service organist. This sub-team will meet in the immediate future to assign an SPRC person to each of these staff positions.
5. The SPRC recommends to the Ad Council that it would be wise to have a second person authorized to sign checks in the event that the treasurer was unavailable for a period of time (illness, etc.) Our recommendation is that whoever is Finance Chair (currently Wayne Hackman) be that person. On behalf of the SPRC, I put that motion before the Ad Council.

Submitted by Betty Vancil,
Chairperson of Staff Parish Relations Committee