

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
December 3, 2014

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on December 3, 2014, at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Wayne Hackman, Ben Coleman, Sandy Sunderland, Rhonda Linsley, Betty Vancil, Debbie Baker, Karen Shearer, Sherwin Dent, Chad Smith, and Ellen Gehringer.

Old Business:

Draft minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and Ben Coleman made a motion for acceptance with a minor correction. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker led the review of the current financial report, explaining that the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage had been deposited and the parsonage expense budget item had been zeroed out. Debbie is going to check with the Missouri Methodist Foundation for recommendations on how to invest the \$50,000 we must set aside to have in the event we need to purchase another residence. Debbie reported that all apportionments have been paid and we are in good standing. Ellen Gehringer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for November. Karen Shearer seconded the motion and it carried.

Uplifters/Worship: No report.

United Methodist Men: Chad Smith reported that the Bazaar lunch went well with lots of support; and the annual Leaf Raking day on November 9 raised some donations. The next UMM meeting is December 6, and is open to all ages.

SPRC: Betty Vancil reported that Chad will be the SPRC chair beginning in January. She pointed out that the copies of the Book of Discipline on hand at MUMC are out of date and recommended that an updated copy be purchased for the new SPRC Chair and for the Ad Council Chair. While it is available on-line, this is something that both of these groups will refer to frequently. Betty Vancil made a motion that we purchase three copies of the Book of Discipline for the two committee chairs and a third copy for church library. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and it carried.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley had nothing to add to the submitted report. She provided an update on Operation Christmas Child. MUMC have gathered 156 boxes so far with the possibility of an additional 20 still to come.

Youth Ministries: Pastor Riegerix shared that she is investigating ways to partner with other community churches for youth activities throughout the year. WOW 2015 Youth Conference is coming up in January. Meghan will be scheduling a calendaring/collaboration meeting with other teams/committees in the future.

Family Ministry: No report.

Memorials: No report.

Sharing Team: Sandy Sunderland reported that ushers are needed for the two Christmas Eve services.

Serving Team: Wayne Hackman shared that the wheelchair ramp that had been built for the Dille's was no longer needed and he had picked it up and put it in storage in his barn where it can stay until it is needed elsewhere.

Scholarship: No report.

Camping: No report.

Finance: Wayne Hackman shared information on a Serving Team request to provide up to \$2,500 to pay for tutors for two children from a MUMC family from now until the end of the school year. The proposal includes a committee member monitoring the process to make sure this support is still needed until the end of the school year. After some discussion of the need to consider safe sanctuary concerns are addressed, Wayne made a motion to support fund this request. Karen Shearer seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustees: Ben Coleman reported that plans were underway to set up a meeting with an architect to review possible solutions for our current facility concerns. This is an initial advisory meeting and will be at no cost.

Lay Leader: No report.

Pastor: Pastor Knapp led a discussion of the possibility of making a set contribution to Macon County Ministries on a monthly basis, and discontinuing MUMC's distribution of gas vouchers/cards and utility assistance to people seeking assistance in the church office. MCM is better equipped to evaluate these requests and make sure these monetary resources are used as effectively as possible. Ben Coleman made a motion to make a monthly donation to MCM of \$250/month beginning in January. Sherwin Dent seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Knapp reminded the Council of the special worship services that will be taking place:

December 14 – Unity Service and Children's Program
December 24 – Christmas Eve Services, 7:00pm in the Worship Center, and 11:00pm in the Sanctuary
December 28 – Unity Service

Debbie Baker asked if we are earmarking the Christmas offering for any specific purpose. Betty Vancil made a motion to donate this year's Christmas offering to Macon County Ministries, Chad Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Christmas offering envelopes will be available to the congregation.

New Business: Pastor Knapp shared that he and Deanne Hackman have been discussing how to proceed through the Vision/Discernment process that will be occurring this spring as we review our resources (people, facilities, funds) and how we use them in support of MUMC's mission/vision/goals. The process will have three components –

- Prayer Support seeking guidance and focus as we move forward
- Discernment Group made up of a cross-section of the congregation for the purpose of gathering information and make recommendations to Ad Council.
- Focus Groups targeting different segments of the congregation – couples with children, singles, seniors, empty-nesters, children/youth, etc.

Topics to be discussed:

- Where are we now? Where do we want to be? Where are we going? How can we engage more people more often? How can we engage different groups throughout the week?
- How are we intentionally making disciples of Jesus Christ?

- How are we using our facilities in support of our vision?

To move forward with this, Pastor Knapp recommends that we alter our Ad Council schedule to accommodate the Vision/Discernment Process. Ellen Gehringer made a motion that Ad Council meet every other month (February, April, and May) for the first part of the year while this work is going on. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and it carried.

At this point, all staff members were dismissed.

Betty Vancil shared a SPRC's recommendation for monetary Christmas gifts for MUMC staff. Wayne Hackman moved that the recommendation be accepted, Ellen Gehringer seconded the motion and it carried.

Ben Coleman made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Chad Smith seconded the motion it was accepted. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer

Karen Shearer made a motion to accept all submitted reports. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Sandy Sunderland made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Pastor Riegerix seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer