

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
August 20, 2014

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on August 20, 2014, at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Chad Smith, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Wayne Hackman, Karen Butner, Sandy Sunderland, Julie Burdin, Rhonda Linsley, Deanne Hackman, Betty Vancil, Debbie Baker, Ben Coleman, Karen Shearer, and Ellen Gehringer.

Karen Shearer shared a devotional from My Utmost for His Highest, by Oswald Chambers. Draft minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and Rhonda Linsley moved for acceptance. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker led a review of our current budget status and discussed various expenses and incomes. The new sign has been paid for and camping tuitions/expenses have been paid for as well. Debbie noted that we are still in better standing than we were this time last year. Ellen Gehringer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Ben Coleman seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business: None

Uplifters: No report.

Worship Team: Pastor Knapp shared that he will continue sharing his Mythbusters series through August. On August 31, a Unity Service in the sanctuary will follow the Charge Conference for the sale of the parsonage.

United Methodist Men: Chad Smith reported that UMM are proceeding with plans for the Men's BBQ and Hamburger Contest. They are also working on constructing a gaga ball pit.

SPRC: Betty Vancil encouraged us to continue to include and support our new pastoral families as they find their way in the church and Macon's communities.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley reported that the 4-day VBS schedule followed by a pool party really worked well. Next year's VBS is scheduled for the last week of July. She is working on plans for the K-5 Alive Program and a Christmas musical. K-5 Alive begins October 1, 2014 and runs through April 2015.

Rhonda shared that Sherri Robinson is going to coordinate the collection of Christmas boxes so MUMC will be the drop off location for participating area churches. Sherri will be attending the September 13 kick-off for the program. Collection of Christmas boxes will begin the middle of November and during this time, MUMC will have to be open and staffed to accept deliveries of collected boxes for a minimum of 2 hours every day.

Youth Ministries: Pastor Riegerix shared that the Mentor Program is going well. She and Rhonda have been discussing the possibility of establishing a "tween" program for the fourth and fifth graders but have concluded that perhaps the best solution is to keep them with the K-5 group but to provide them with a separate Bible study more appropriate for their age group.

Pastor Riegerix also shared that she is looking for a better structure for communicating calendars and events.

Family Ministry: Karen Butner shared that the August 1 Church swimming party was well attended. The next event is the Hayride with the Hackmans' scheduled for October 5 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Memorials: No report.

Sharing Team: Sandy Sunderland shared that the Sharing Team is planning canvassing homes on October 14 and are going to invite those canvassed to Serving Saturday on October 18. Sandy also reported that the Youth Group has taken over on the task of building a Homecoming Float.

Serving Team: Julie Burdin reported that the Fall Rummage Sale will be held September 5-6. Donation pick-up will be available and the team will continue to share some donations with area nursing homes. Serving Saturday and the Festival of Sharing are scheduled for October 18. They will be collecting old eyeglasses and cellphones.

The Oklahoma Mission Trip scheduled for October 13-17 has room for more participants. Interested volunteers should contact Karen Butner.

A fundraising meal has been planned to support the Winkie Family in their efforts to adopt two toddlers from China. This will be held September 27.

Finance: No report.

Camping: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Trustees: Ben Coleman shared that our roof issues continue. The Trustees are working with the roofers to correct the problems. In addition, it came to the attention of the Trustees that no arrangements had been made to mow the yard at the parsonage, and the yard had been mowed twice by neighbors. Ellen Gehringer made a motion to support the Trustees' suggestion that MUMC make donations in the amount we would have paid to have the yard mowed in the names of the neighbors who helped us to their favorite charity/cause. Karen Shearer seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Knapp shared an update on efforts to sell the parsonage. The Charge Conference to discuss the sale of the parsonage with the congregation is set for August 31. The pastor is sending a letter to the congregation outlining the process. When the parsonage sells, \$50,000 of the proceeds must be saved in a money market account for the purpose of purchasing a new parsonage in the future should it be needed. This money must be saved for 10 years. The remainder of the sale profit would be put back for church maintenance and renovation.

Lay Leader: No report

Pastor: Pastor Knapp reported that the introductions visits with members of the congregation have been completed and went well. He went on to share his plan/direction for the future. This included:

1. Intentional faith development with a goal of starting a new adult class each year or 6-8 months for the purpose of providing people more opportunities to get together to talk about faith and life. Also he would like us to think and pray about how we might adjust the start/end times of the Sunday services to provide more time for Sunday school classes to meet. The timeframe for the classes has been shortened to the point it is difficult to provide meaningful activities/discussion.
2. Work on ways to improve our communication processes so that we are sharing information more efficiently and effectively.

3. Continue Methodist involvement in the community. Pastor Knapp shared that he has received good news from community contacts about Methodist support of community activities. We need to keep it going.
4. Review the use of our facilities and any improvements that are needed. He would like us to continue to think about how we use our space.

Sandy Sunderland made a motion to accept all submitted reports. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business: Ben Coleman shared that the Trustees are looking into the possibility that guttering roof areas that run off onto the flat roof might redirect water so that there is not as much standing on the flat portion.

Wayne Hackman made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Ben Coleman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting: September 17, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer