

**Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT**  
**September 17, 2014**

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on September 17, 2014, at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Wayne Hackman, Sandy Sunderland, Julie Burdin, Rhonda Linsley, Deanne Hackman, Betty Vancil, Debbie Baker, Ben Coleman, Karen Shearer, Sherwin Dent, and Ellen Gehringer.

Karen Shearer shared some thoughts on “focus” and the mission of the Church with a reading from The Book of Discipline. Draft minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and Debbie Baker made a motion for acceptance. Betty Vancil seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Debbie Baker led a review of our current budget status and introduced a new reporting format that will assist in showing our monthly expenses and year to date expenses compared to our budgeted funds more clearly. Ben Coleman made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:** None

**Uplifters/Worship:** No report.

**United Methodist Men:** No report.

**SPRC:** Betty Vancil shared the SPRC will be meeting in October to make recommendations for staff salaries to the Finance Committee.

**Children’s Ministry:** Rhonda Linsley had nothing to add to the submitted report. She said that the Kick-Off for Operation Christmas Child is coming soon. She clarified that while we are required to staff the resource center for collecting Christmas boxes from the area during November 16-22, MUMC members/groups can bring their donations at any time.

**Youth Ministries:** Pastor Riegerix had nothing to add to her submitted report. She shared that she is pleased with the number of volunteers she is getting to the Mentor Program. She says the MUMC float for the Homecoming Parade is coming together and adds that they need many members of the congregation of all ages to show up on October 3 to ride on the float in the parade. The parade start is around the Courthouse Square and riders should gather at our float between 2:15 and 2:40pm.

In addition, Meghan shared that the bake sale netted \$190.55, and tentative plans have been made to put these funds towards a summer mission trip in 2015.

**Family Ministry:** No report.

**Memorials:** Sherwin Dent reported that the new sign is complete and that all bills have been turned in. He is planning on putting a message in the next bulletin explaining how memorial funds are being used.

**Sharing Team:** In addition to the submitted report, Sandy Sunderland shared that the Sharing Team is looking for more volunteers for its programs. The team is including a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff MUMC’s stand at the Fork and Cork. They are also looking for help with Canvassing Night on October 14. The team will gather with volunteers at 6:00pm at MUMC. Here they will divide into small groups to go door to door and invite anyone who doesn’t have a church to come and join us on Sundays and also at the next Serving Saturday. The Council briefly discussed ways to draw more participation to teams’ projects including the possibility of a Ministry Fair.

**Serving Team:** Julie Burdin reported that the profit from the Fall Rummage Sale was around \$2,400. Festival of Sharing is coming up on October 18, 2014. This year, we will be participating by collecting gently used eyeglasses for distribution to the poor in rural villages in the Yucatan; by collecting unwanted or broken cell phones and chargers to raise money to fund Festival of Sharing projects; and by continuing to provide monetary donations to support Rainbow Network's feeding centers in Nicaragua.

Plans for Serving Saturday on October 18 are complete and ready, and the Fall Holiday Bazaar and Meal is scheduled for November 8. Julie said that the Serving Team is encouraging crafters and bakers to begin gathering their goods for sale.

**Scholarship:** Pastor Knapp attended the Scholarship Team's recent meeting and reported that the group discussed methods to evaluate and document the steps of the Scholarship Program, along with ways to make students' aware of the program and the possibility of their involvement earlier in their high school careers.

**Camping:** Pastor Knapp shared information about the recent closing of four of our local church camps and the layoff of camp staff. This action came as a surprise to many and discussions are still on-going. Pastor Knapp encouraged Ad Council members to check out a YouTube video of a listening session recently held in Liberty, MO for the purpose of explaining the Conference's stance. He also recommended that we check out David Israel's and Andy Bryant's blog posts on the camp closings for further insight. He also encouraged Ad Council to keep camping options in mind as we begin to look at next year's budget.

**Finance:** Wayne Hackman shared that the Finance Team will meet on September 18, at 6:30pm, in the Cornerstone Room.

**Trustees:** Ben Coleman shared that our roof issues continue. While there are plans to repair holes in some seams, Ben stated that there is a real need to make plans to pitch the roof in the near future.

**Lay Leader:** No report

**Pastor:** In following the previous month's discussion about finding a way to adjust the start/end times of the Sunday Services to provide more time for Sunday school classes to meet, Pastor Knapp reported that he'd talked with Beth Dixon, Jamie Baker and Rona Nelson were open to changing the start time of the early service to 8:30am, and the start time of the second service to 11:00am. These changes would provide an hour for Sunday school to meet plus 15 minutes of transition time. The length of the Sunday services would remain the same. The next step will be to introduce the idea in a letter in the newsletter and hold listening sessions in Fellowship Hall on at least two Sundays in order to gather comments from the congregation.

**New Business:** Pastor Knapp reported that Beth Dixon asked if MUMC could support a Christmas Benefit Concert that is being planned for mid-December to help Macon County Ministries. This concert will be hosted by the Presbyterian Church with a reception to follow at the Catholic Church. Beth asked MUMC for assistance with providing copy services for music. Julie Burdin made a motion to provide up to \$300 worth of copying in support of the Christmas Benefit Concert. Ben Coleman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor Knapp also shared that Deidre has expressed frustration with Power Church's limitations and would like to explore other software systems. There is a free seminar in Kansas City in mid-October to provide an introduction to another kind of software. All that would be required would be to provide lodging for one night, meals and mileage. There is money in the budget for training and development that can be used for this purpose.

After some discussion the Council determined that, prior to committing to the October seminar, the following actions are taken:

- An ad hoc committee works to outline what specific features we desire most in an operating software.
- Further investigation is done on our current program, Power Church, to see what training and support is available.
- We ask other churches for a review and rating of the software programs that they use.

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

Pastor Riegerix made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Ben Coleman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting: November 5, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer