

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
July 23, 2014

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on July 23, 2014, at approximately 6:00pm. In attendance were: Chad Smith, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Wayne Hackman, Karen Butner, Sandy Sunderland, Julie Burdin, Rhonda Linsley, Deanne Hackman, Betty Vancil, Debbie Baker, Ben Coleman, Sherwin Dent, John Butner and Ellen Gehringer.

Draft minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and Julie Burdin moved for acceptance with minor corrections. Karen Butner 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. Sherwin Dent mentioned that the cost of the new sign was meant to be funded out of the Memorial Fund. Debbie will correct this item. Sherwin Dent made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Sandy Sunderland seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

New Business: Jon Butner shared that his son is getting married on September 20 in an outdoor wedding and a non-Methodist minister, who is a family friend, will be officiating at the service. He came before the Ad Council to request approval that, should weather require that the wedding be moved inside, the family be allowed to be hold the wedding in MUMC with the outside minister officiating. Julie Burdin made a motion that this request be approved. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and it was approved.

Old Business: None

United Methodist Men: Chad Smith reported that UMM will hold a Back to School BBQ after the next Unity Service on August 31. This will be a fundraiser for Rainbow Network Feeding Centers and will also include a hamburger cook-off. Chad made a motion that the Unity Service be moved to the Sanctuary on this Sunday so that the services will not be disrupted by noise from the kitchen. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and it carried.

SPRC: Betty Vancil shared that SPRC's next meeting is in August. At that time, they will begin the District Evaluation process in which they will evaluate MUMC's past goals and accomplishments. Betty encouraged Ad Council to continue to consider all parties (pastor and congregation) as we move forward, citing Philippians 3:13. Paul writes, "No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead."

In addition, Betty gave a review of the various scheduled activities remaining in the pastoral transition and thanked the many individuals who helped in any way with the farewell activities for Julius and Carolyn Ketsenburg.

Uplifters: No report.

Worship Team: No report.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley added to the submitted report that the Acolyte training and pizza party will be held August 24 at noon. There will be many more acolytes than in the past so we will be adding acolytes to the contemporary service.

Youth Ministries: Pastor Riegerix shared the mission statement for the Youth Group. It states, *Our Youth Ministry exists to reach non-believing students, to connect with other Christians, to help them*

grow in their faith, and to challenge the growing to discover their ministry and worship God with their lives. She is currently seeking volunteers to the Mentoring Program, there are currently three people now who've volunteered and there is a need for more. Meghan shared that she and Rhonda are investigating options and opportunities for "Tween" ministries.

Family Ministry: Karen Butner had nothing to add to the submitted report. She did share that flyers are now being distributed about the "after VBS" church-wide swimming party will be held August 1, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Memorials: Sherwin Dent announced that the new sign is here and that he is working to schedule time with others to install it, taking into consideration contacting Dig-Rite, running electrical lines and scheduling concrete.

Sharing Team: No report. Sandy Sunderland shared that the Sharing Team is planning on having a table at the Flywheel Reunion July 24-26, from 12:00noon to 8:00pm.

Serving Team: Julie Burdin reported that the Foster and Adoptive Family swim party is scheduled for August 5. The Fall Rummage Sale will be September 5-6, and Serving Saturday is scheduled for October 18.

Julie also provided an explanation of the expenses incurred on the Nicaragua Mission Trip, which included travel expenses, housing costs, food for the team for two meals/day, translator fees, transportation, the Mission Team's entry fee into the country, and the cost of medical and school supplies. In addition to these expenses, the Serving Team is still planning to support a mission trip to Oklahoma October 14-17. The funds raised in advance of the Nicaragua trip did not cover all expenses and will not allow them to continue plans for the Oklahoma trip. The entire \$5,000 requested from the Ministry Fund is needed in order to cover all expenses and continue with the trip to Oklahoma.

Finance: Wayne Hackman presented the Finance Team's motion to approve the Serving Team's request for \$5,000 to support MUMC missions. Deanne Hackman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Camping: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Trustees: Ben Coleman presented as a motion the Trustees recommendation that the Parsonage be sold since it is not currently needed as a Pastor's residence nor is it likely to be needed in the near future. Pastor Knapp explained the process that would be required should the Council decide that the parsonage should be sold. This involves gaining the approval of the Building Location Committee and holding a charge conference overseen by the District Superintendent to gain approval from the entire congregation before the house could be put on the market. All things considered, the approval process could take two months to complete. If the parsonage is sold, a percentage of the sale price would have to be put into escrow for future pastoral housing needs. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Pastor Knapp will take steps to begin the approval process.

Ben also shared that work on the flat roof will take place this week.

Lay Leader: No report

Pastor: Pastor Knapp shared expectations for all of us as we continue to move forward. They are (briefly):

- Stay missionally focused.

- Be on the side of grace
- Be creative and spiritually sensitive
- Ask questions.
- Have fun!

He also shared his plans for a Lay Leadership Development program to begin sometime in September, along with information about what he needs from us in order to be successful in his role here. The final thing he brought to the attention of the Council is the need for an updated computer in the Pastor's Office. This is something that the Council had discussed earlier and determined that the matter should wait until we had a new pastor on board. Julie Burdin made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 to purchase a new computer for the Pastor's Office. Ben Coleman seconded this motion and it was approved.

Ben Coleman made a motion to accept all submitted reports. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and all submitted reports were approved unanimously.

Ellen Gehringer made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Chad Smith seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: August 20, 2014, 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Gehringer