

**Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT**  
**February 17, 2015**

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on February 17, 2015, at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Julie Burdin, Wayne Hackman, Sandy Sunderland, Rhonda Linsley, Jeff Linsley, Debbie Baker, Sherwin Dent, Chad Smith, and Ellen Gehringer.

**Old Business:**

Draft minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and Debbie Baker made a motion for acceptance with two corrections. Sandy Sunderland seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Baker led the review of the current financial report. Rhonda Linsley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Uplifters/Worship:** Pastor Knapp shared that the MUMC Drama Team would be performing on the upcoming Sunday.

**United Methodist Men:** Chad Smith reported on the recent meeting of UMM. Plans are being made to serve breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. The next UMM meeting is March 1, and is open to all ages.

**SPRC:** Chad Smith reported that SPRC met last Monday with the new incoming SPRC Committee members. Staff Liaisons were determined for the coming year. The group reviewed some recently received complaints about a lack of cleanliness in the nursery and are looking for a checklist to help monitor its upkeep. Chad also reported that, while the nursery attendants are paid a salary, they are still going to record their hours worked on timesheets for informational purposes.

**Children's Ministry:** No report. Rhonda Linsley reported that she is beginning to work on Vacation Bible School.

**Youth Ministries:** Pastor Riegerix shared that participation numbers are increasing. Eleven students and four adults went to WOW, and she is looking at transportation possibilities for future activities. Pastor Riegerix asked Ad Council to consider the purchase of two vans to use in transporting youth and other church members to various activities for which we are currently paying significant rental fees. She shared specifications on different sized vans and busses and the Council discussed what features would be important to have in any purchased form of transportation. After extensive discussion, Ellen Gehringer made a motion that Ad Council asks the Trustees to research the purchase one used, low-mileage 14-15 passenger accessible van to be used for transporting our Youth and other MUMC groups. In addition, they should develop guidelines for its use, and that one-third of the purchase cost will be paid for with funds raised by the Youth and Congregation. Pastor Riegerix seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Riegerix added that confirmation classes start this week with seven 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Family Ministry:** No report.

**Memorials:** Sherwin Dent reported that the Blomberg family annual Christmas donation was given to Macon County Ministries this year.

**Sharing Team:** Sandy Sunderland reported that the Sharing Team was making plans for future activities. They plan to stop attending the Macon Flywheel event after this year as it has not produced desired results. They are looking at having another “invite a friend to church” day, and are looking at other ways to boost attendance and attract new members.

**Serving Team:** Julie Burdin shared that Serving Saturday was a success and, beyond the regular activities, included a Jump-a-thon and Law Officer Appreciation. The Serving Team is also working with Family Ministry to sponsor a skating party on March 22 for the Foster and Adoption Families group.

The Spring Rummage Sale has been set for April 17-18.

**Scholarship:** Pastor Riegerix reported that she has the letter to send out to scholarship candidates so we will be seeing applications soon.

**Camping:** Julie Burdin shared that the Camping Team is working on a Family Church Camp event that is tentatively scheduled for May 22 – 24, and will be held at a camping spot at Thomas Hill Lake. The camp location will have grounds for tents and also a bunk house, along with a large meeting facility. More information will follow.

**Finance:** Wayne Hackman led a discussion of the need to invest the \$50,000 portion of the profit from the sale of the parsonage that must be held back for 10 years for the possible purchase of a parsonage in the future if needed. After a lengthy discussion of investment options, Jeff Linsley made a motion that we invest the money in Missouri Foundation Funds, with 33% being placed in medium risk investment funds, 33% in high risk funds, and 34% in conservative funds. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and it carried.

**Trustees:** Jeff Linsley shared that the Trustees have been working on getting a bid on shingling the roof and have reorganized the church’s pantry.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**Pastor:** Pastor Knapp reported on the progress of the Discernment Process. The Prayer Group is continuing to meet on Tuesday, the Discernment team met once and will meet again soon, and Focus Group meetings are taking place.

**New Business:** Pastor Knapp and Sherwin Dent shared information on the future of Camp Jo-Ota. The Missouri Annual Conference Camp Board is intending on petitioning the Annual Conference Session to approve sale of four Missouri camp facilities. If this passes, we have the opportunity to support two resolutions that will seek to obtain ownership and operations of Camp Jo-Ota for a group of churches in our area. The first resolution is to form the Jo-Ota Methodist Association. This group of churches will be organized as a Limited Liability Corporation that will reduce the risk of law suits and loss to the churches involved in the association. The second resolution asks that the Annual Conference agree to give Camp Jo-Ota to the Association so that it can remain opened and operation for camping and retreat ministries. Chad Smith made a motion that Ad Council approve and support the Jo-Ota Methodist Association, and that we join the petition to adopt the resolution to the 2015 Missouri Annual Conference to request that they sell Camp Jo-Ota only to the Jo-Ota Methodist Association. Sherwin Dent seconded the motion and it carried.

Ellen Gehringer made the motion to accept all submitted reports. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and all reports were approved as submitted.

Wayne Hackman made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Sherwin Dent seconded the motion it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

The next Ad Council meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer