

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
April 15, 2015

Deanne Hackman opened the meeting on April 15, 2015, at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Julie Burdin, Sandy Sunderland, Rhonda Linsley, Jeff Linsley, Debbie Baker, Chad Smith, Karen Shearer and Ellen Gehringer. Pastor Knapp offered devotion on discipleship.

Old Business:

Draft minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and Chad Smith made a motion for acceptance with one correction. Julie Burdin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker led the review of the financial reports for February and March. Debbie noted that \$50,000 from the sale of the parsonage had been moved to an account with the United Methodist Foundation at the end of March. She also noted that, while our profits are less than this time last year, so are our expenses. Rhonda Linsley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for February and March. Ellen Gehringer seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Reports were approved.

Uplifters/Worship: Pastor Knapp shared that we have been trying new things – the Seder meal, Good Friday Service, and Easter Sunrise Service – and he'd received several positive comments on them all. The next sermon series is on discipleship.

Pastor Knapp also shared that May 10 will be a Compassion Sunday event led by McKenna Nelson, with the possibility of holding a Serving Sunday that afternoon. On Sunday, May 24, we will hold a service at the Thomas Hill campground for the Family Campout attendees and another at the church. A Unity Service will be scheduled for May 31.

United Methodist Men: Chad Smith reported that the breakfast that followed the Easter Sunrise Service went well. In the future, they would shorten the scheduled time for breakfast to be available. On May 10, the UMM will hold their annual breakfast for outgoing HS Seniors.

SPRC: Chad Smith reported an SPRC meeting is scheduled April 28.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley reported that she and Pastor Riegerix have been discussing the possibility of replacing the current K-5 Alive program with a LOGOS program beginning next Fall. The LOGOS program will promote inter-generational relationships. This summer's Vacation Bible School (July 27-31) will be called, Everywhere Fun Fair, with a curriculum that celebrates God's Love for the world. It will run the same as in past years, four evening sessions with dinner at 5:15pm, with a pool party on Friday.

Youth Ministries: Pastor Riegerix shared that the Youth mission trip is scheduled for the end of May and she needs more adult volunteers for chaperones. Fundraising for this trip has been successful with the Flamingo Flocking and Insurance project. Flockings are scheduled through May 20. Dan from Kingdome house will be here for worship on April 26.

Jeff Linsley reported that the Trustees have not been able to find a suitable van to purchase so far and recommended that we look at rentals for this upcoming trip.

Pastor Riegerix reported on updates to the Youth Room to help accommodate the large group of incoming 6th graders. She is also planning to purchase a new TV in the high school Sunday school room to replace one that does not work.

Pastor Riegerix clarified that the LOGOS program would not replace weekend Youth Group meetings. It would occur on Wednesdays and could offer the development of a Youth praise band.

Family Ministry: No report.

Memorials: No report.

Sharing Team: Sandy Sunderland had nothing to add to the submitted report. She did share that the team had recently canvassed the neighborhood around Sheffield Park.

Serving Team: Julie Burdin shared that the Foster/Adoptive Skating Party went very well. The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled April 17-18. The next serving Saturdays are scheduled for May 9 and October 10, and the Fall Bazaar is planned for November 7.

Scholarship: No addition to submitted report. Pastor Knapp shared information on the Dollars for Scholars program, where a \$1,000 scholarship from the congregation for a United Methodist youth will be matched by the UM Higher Education Foundation, and if the student attends a Methodist college/university, the school matches another \$1,000, with another possible \$1,000 coming from the Conference Foundation.

Camping: Pastor Knapp shared that the Memorial Day Family Camping event is going to be at Trophy Country at Thomas Hill Lake.

Pastor Knapp also shared that a group met last Sunday to set groundwork to establish the Jo-Ota Methodist Association and he and Sherwin Dent are on the Board of Directors. He believes that the group has gotten a good start and encourages others to spread the word. More information can be found at the Association's new website, <http://www.campjo-ota.org/>

Finance: No report.

Trustees: Jeff Linsley reported that the Trustees are still looking for a van to purchase.

Lay Leader: Karen Shearer shared that Annual Conference is coming up in June, and that a pre-Annual Conference will be held April 20, at Trinity Methodist in Moberly where we can learn about what will be happening at this year's Annual Conference. It will include discussions on camping programs.

Pastor: Pastor Knapp reported on the progress of the Discernment Process. Information gathered from the focus group meetings shows a need to focus the following areas:

- Discipleship – Growing discipleship from youngest to oldest.
- Facility – When asking how our facility meets our purposes, three possible solutions have been discussed: 1) Rehabilitative/remodeling, 2) Relocation, 3) Do nothing or only minor fixes. When all information has been gathered, a Building Facilities Team will be assigned to research each option and compile information for review by the congregation.

New Business: Pastor Knapp shared that Carla Grant had requested \$200 to fund our part in Lunch in the Park this summer. She also needs volunteers to help prepare and serve the food. Sandy Sunderland made a motion that we provide the \$200 for the summer lunch program, Julie Burdin seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Knapp shared that Mandy Brown is starting plans to take a group to the Women of Faith Conference in Louisville, KY, on August 14-15. She would like Ad Council to consider funding transportation for this trip. This request was tabled until the May meeting.

He also introduced the possibility of restructuring the Ad Council into two groups --- an administrative team and a ministry team. The new structure would include two meetings of the entire group per year and separate meetings the rest of the time.

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

Debbie Baker made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Ellen Gehringer seconded the motion it carried.

The next Ad Council meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer