

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
August 19, 2015

The June 17, 2015 meeting of Administrative Council opened at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Rhonda Linsley, Debbie Baker, Jeff Linsley, Chad Smith, Wayne Hackman, Linda Clements, Julie Burdin, and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Carl led a devotion that helped the Council discuss putting our worries/concerns in God's Hands and serving others. This was followed by a review of our discussion from the last Ad Council meeting, where we determined that our focus should be on (#1) mission and serving, and (#2) how we get people involved in those next steps. Rhonda Linsley shared that VBS got more people involved and LOGOS will be another opportunity that's coming this fall. We discussed the fact that VBS was great in that it brought a lot of people together – both members and non-members, however it is not systemic. We need to find more ways to “plug” people into our goals and mission. We discussed the need for finding more unifying language that describes our goals, including expectations for our members and providing opportunities to “fit in” to being a Christian (laying the foundation of who God wants us to be). We discussed the need to work towards becoming more unified around an expectation/commitment to the church. The resulting questions are:

1. Can we find a better word than “expectations” for developing the description of our commitment?
2. How do we follow up once we've found the unified language without making people feel guilty?
3. How do we find a way for every member to serve in some way?

A suggestion was made to research other churches that do a good job in “being people of service,” and see what they do to get people involved.

Business Meeting

Deanne Hackman moved us into the business meeting:

Minutes: Draft minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and Rhonda Linsley made a motion to accept the minutes. Chad Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker led the review of the financial reports for July. Debbie shared that that we are doing well and had nothing unusual to report. She outlined our major payments for the last month which included a payment to the Jo-Ota Association, the bus for Women of Faith, and a regular payment to Macon County Ministries. Ellen Gehringer made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Reports were approved.

Worship/UMM: Chad Smith shared that August 31 is our next Unity Service which will be held in the Sanctuary so the UMM can set up their Back-to-School Barbeque in the Worship Center.

SPPRC: Chad Smith reported that the SPPRC is wrapping district evaluations of the Pastoral staff. They are also going to advertise for a new nursery attendant who will work Sunday mornings and Wednesday evening.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley provided a report on the success of VBS. She has recruited some new helpers for Children's Church to expand staffing possibilities. She is currently researching the curriculum for LOGOS and is preparing for acolyte training on August 30.

Youth Ministry: Pastor Meghan shared that the August and September newsletters are the Youth Ministry report. Things are going well and they group have developed a new name – Vertical -- and logo.

Family Ministry: No report.

Memorials: No report.

Sharing: No report.

Serving: Julie Burdin reported that the Foster/Adoptive Swim Party was a success with lots of sharing and fellowship. They have fulfilled another ramp need and have been asked to demolish a barn/shed. Plans are moving forward for the Fall Rummage Sale on September 11 and 12. The next Serving Saturday is October 10 and will include a Rainbow Ride and Mini Festival of Sharing. The following weekend there will be another Rainbow Ride in Sedalia. Julie reported that another possible project is to help the Sheltered Workshop get organized.

Scholarship: No report.

Camping: Pastor Knapp reported that MUMC is still looking for an opportunity to host a family camping event in the future.

On September 13, the Jo-Ota Methodist Association will have a membership meeting. Churches cannot be official members because it could link the camp to the Conference. The meeting is open to everyone and they will be electing board members at this time. The Association has started to develop job descriptions for staff which are undetermined at this time.

Congregational Care: Linda Clements is looking for additional team members. The bulletin board has not been utilized as much as we hoped, and while the February get-together went well, she has asked for suggestions for ways to get this team off and running. One idea offered during the meeting is to try visiting homebound members during lunchtimes.

Finance: Wayne Hackman had no report since there's been no meeting, but reminded the Council that we are getting closer to the time to submit the budget for next year.

Trustees: Jeff Linsley reported that they had received three bids for shingling the roof – two of which they felt were acceptable. The plan is to re-engineer the flat roof and shingle it all at once, probably sometime next spring.

Lay Leader: No report.

Pastor: Pastor Carl requested funding for Deidre to attend a training program on October 6. The training is related to the new software we are using and will cost \$100. Chad Smith made a motion to pay for mileage, meal and training expenses. Linda Clements seconded the motion and it passed.

Pastor Carl shared the good news that MUMC will be celebrating 4 baptisms in the near future.

The discussion then moved on to the upcoming LOGOS program. Pastor Carl asked that a separate account be set up for LOGOS related expenses and the Council agreed that at the beginning of the new year, the K-5 Alive account will be changed to LOGOS. Training for LOGOS leaders has been scheduled for August 22. September 9, from 6:00-7:00pm, is the LOGOS orientation, and the first semester starts at that time running through December 16. The second semester runs January 13 to May 4, 2016.

Pastor Carl outlined the order of activities for a regular LOGOS night and the group reviewed the new flyer. A discussion of the program fees followed. These fees were meant to cover the cost of meals and some programming expense. The Council voiced a concern that this fee might hinder participation and recommended that the fee be eliminated for now to be replaced with a recommended goodwill offering. This recommendation was accepted and will be re-evaluated at the end of the first semester.

The LOGOS program will create a conflict with the scheduled meeting of Administrative Council. Ellen Gehringer made the motion to move our meeting to the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and it passed.

Julie Burdin made a motion to approve all submitted reports. Debbie Baker seconded the motion and it carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer