

Administrative Council Minutes - DRAFT
September 15, 2015

The September 15, 2015 meeting of Administrative Council opened at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Deanne Hackman, Pastor Knapp, Pastor Riegerix, Rhonda Linsley, Debbie Baker, Julie Burdin, Sherwin Dent and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Carl led a short devotion that demonstrated the goal of our new Logos program to connect our lives to the Word of God – “Kingdom of God living in the middle of the week.” This was followed by continuing the discussion from last month of how we become more intentional in bringing people to be “mission minded” and involved in a life of service. How are we prepared to make new visitors feel welcomed and what will help them be ready to take the next step of returning and becoming involved. Items discussed included:

- Welcoming – how do we do it? (The Sharing Team is working on this.)
- Do we need recognizable greeters? A different start time?
- The importance of a first impression
- Giving visitors a comfortable, unintimidating place – “park far/sit close”
- Children’ Church – where do they pick up their kids?
- Signage can help make things clearer
- Entrance to Sanctuary is difficult with steps leading up to a door that opens out. Discussed the possibility of building up the area outside the door to make a landing that could also include a ramp. This final point was going to be shared with the Trustees.

Business Meeting

Deanne Hackman moved us into the business meeting:

Minutes: Draft minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Debbie Baker made a motion to accept the minutes. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Debbie Baker led the review of the financial reports for August. Debbie shared that we need to find a way to earmark funds raised for specific purposes so that they do not get rolled into general funds at the end of the fiscal period. Julie Burdin made a motion that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the Treasurer’s Reports were approved.

Worship: No report

UMM: No report.

SPRC: Pastor Knapp shared that staff reviews have been completed and it is time to complete support forms for Pastoral Staff in preparation of developing the budget for next year. Staff support information needs to be completed by the Charge Conference scheduled on Thursday, November 12, at 7:00pm, at Clarence. In following this, Pastor Knapp recommended that the October Ad Council meeting be dedicated to putting the budget together in much the same way as we did last year, when Team Leaders brought their budget requests for review. SPPRC is still looking for a nursery attendant.

Children’s Ministry: Rhonda Linsley shared her submitted report and added that she has been working on guidance for Logos leaders including Discipline Guidelines.

Youth Ministry: Pastor Riegerix discussed the make-up of the Youth Group and the challenges that go along with the age differences. She reported that 23 youth and parents are headed to the Big Daddy Weave concert on September 20. Participation in the ukulele group is growing.

Family Ministry: No report.

Memorials: Sherwin Dent shared that MUMC has received memorials from the Schoonover, Rector and Blomberg families.

Sharing: No report.

Serving: Julie Burdin reported that the Fall Rummage Sale was a success and we were able to share books with the Hospital Auxiliary and send two vanloads of clothing and goods to the Rainbow Network for distribution in Nicaragua. In addition, Julie shared that the next Serving Saturday is October 10 and will include a Mini Festival of Sharing in advance of the Festival of Sharing on October 17 in Sedalia. Besides the Mini Festival, activities for Serving Saturday will include a mini Rainbow Ride, helping at the Sheltered Workshop, and an early breakfast send-off for the Macon Band.

Operation Christmas Child will be starting soon and will wrap up on November 27, which is also Youth Sunday. The Fall Bazaar is scheduled for November 7, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Scholarship: Nothing to add to the submitted report.

Camping: No report.

Camp Jo-Ota: Pastor Knapp shared that the Jo-Ota Association is working towards finalizing ownership of the camp very soon. They are still in need of funding and are looking at the possibility of a matching grant, and plans are in the works to begin to schedule groups as a way to generate income. There will be a Jo-Ota workday scheduled in the near future – possibly around the first week of November.

Congregational Care: Julie Burdin made a motion to designate \$250 from the Ministry Fund to purchase gas cards to be given by Congregational Care Team members to church members during times of need. Sherwin Dent seconded the motion and it carried.

Finance: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Lay Leader: No report.

Pastor: Pastor Knapp closed the meeting saying that he was excited about our new Logos program as it offers a lot of people an opportunity to get involved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer