

## **Administrative Council Minutes November 15, 2016**

Julie Burdin opened the November 15, 2016 Administrative Council meeting at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Debbie Baker, Julie Burdin, Ben Williams, Pastor Riegerix, Rhonda Linsley, Mandi Brown, Chad Smith, Chris Nelson and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Riegerix offered a devotional on Numbers 6:24-26, where we discussed our commitment, what we can do to help new people find their place to “fit in,” and what we can do to care for our current members.

### **Business**

**Budget** -- We discussed the completion of the budget for next year. If your committee Budget request hasn't already been sent to Debbie, it should be sent soon so she can put together a proposed budget for review by the Finance Team prior to the December Ad Council meeting.

One item discussed in advance was a review of our support for Camp Jo-Ota. Chad Smith made a motion that we retain the current line item support for Camp Jo-Ota at \$5,000, with some of the funds to be raised by congregational fund-raisers. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer** – Debbie Baker led a review of the finance report for the last month. Rhonda Linsley made a motion to approve the report, Mandi Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

**Uplifters/Worship** – Christmas Eve Services will be at 7:00pm and 11:00pm on Christmas Eve. With Christmas Day occurring on a Sunday, there will be a unity service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. On New Year's Day, the following Sunday, we will have a unity service at 10:00am in the Worship Center.

**Trustees** – Chris Nelson reported that they were working to get estimates for spray foam insulation in the Cry Room.

**SPPRC** – Chad Smith reported that things went well at Charge Conference on November 10.

**UMM** – The United Methodist Men are planning to rake leaves with the Youth on Sunday, at 1:30pm on November 20. They have nine yards scheduled to rake so far.

**Serving Team** – Mandi Brown reported on the plans for the mission trip to Nicaragua, July 30 – August 6, 2017. Serving Team is beginning to advertise for participants.

### **New Business**

**Congregational Care** -- Julie Burdin reported that Betty Vancil has been doing a wonderful job carrying on the work of Stephen Ministries for MUMC for a very long time, but she is ready for

someone else to take it on. Stephen Ministers are congregation members who offer one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times, utilizing Stephen Ministries' materials and precepts. This led to a discussion of the state of our Congregational Care Team, the need to strengthen our efforts in this area, and how we might go about it. No conclusions were made. All agreed that we need to continue to search for a solution as there is a bigger need for congregational care than MUMC staff can possibly cover.

**Next Meeting** -- Our next meeting will be December 19. At that meeting we plan to:

- Finalize the budget
- Review Nominations
- Review Discipleship processes/Faith Development

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: Monday, December 19, 2016, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer