

Administrative Council Minutes – DRAFT
March 15, 2016

Pastor Carl Knapp, opened the March 15, 2016 meeting at 6:30pm. Pastor Meghan Riegerix led the group in an opening prayer. In attendance were: Mandi Brown, Debbie Baker, Ben Williams, Rhonda Linsley, Pastor Riegerix, Chris Nelson, Chuck Stockton, Sherwin Dent, Pastor Knapp, and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with a check of our goals by asking for what part of our mission are we, as individual leaders, willing to be held accountable? This was followed by a discussion of current and future planned activities that will support the goals of facility improvements, missional engagement, community engagement and faith development. These activities included

- Good Friday Services on March 25 with the Presbyterian and First Christian Churches (community/missional engagement)
- Need to hear stories of how members are engaged in service activities (community/missional engagement)
- Logos seems to be bringing in visitors and new participants (faith development)
- Camp scholarships will be provided at 50%, focusing on Camp JoOta and Conference Camps. Registration begins April 6 (faith development)
- First Friday Fellowship is gaining participants and will be moving to the second Friday (faith development/ engagement)

Further discussion occurred related to improving communication among MUMC ministries so the groups can interact and support each other. The Council also discussed methods to find out why people leave – asking people who haven't attended services for a while why they are no longer coming. We need to stop and ask, "Who's missing?" and find out why. We also need to get better at extending invitation to those who are "no-churched, under-churched, or badly-churched."

Business Meeting

Minutes: Draft minutes of the December 2015 meeting were reviewed. Debbie Baker made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker led the review of the financial reports for February 2016 and shared that she is looking into an upgrade for our QuickBooks software. Sherwin Dent made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Uplifters: No report.

UMM: Pastor Carl reported that UMM will be serving Easter breakfast at 7:30am following the 6:30am Sunrise Service.

SPPRC: Pastor Carl reported that Chad Smith is working on posting Danny's job duties and schedule so people know when he's available. He also shared that the newly hired nursery worker's start date has been delayed until March 27, and Daphne will continue to work Sundays and Wednesdays.

Children's Ministries: No report.

Youth Ministries: Pastor Riegerix asked if anyone had information on the musical instruments that have been in storage. The youth band has been practicing, but they have not used the old musical instruments and they were wondering if the instruments could be used elsewhere or should they be

sold. It was agreed that further research and thought was required before any determination could be made.

Family Ministries: No report.

Memorials: No report.

Sharing Team: No report.

Serving Team: Mandi Brown shared that the Craft Show and Bake sale was a big success, bringing in \$2,026, including \$900 from the bake sale. The next activity is the Spring Rummage Sale which is scheduled for April 15 & 16. The Team will be looking for workers to help sort and staff the sale.

Scholarship: No report

Camping Ministries: No report.

Finance Team: No report.

Trustees: No report

Lay Leader: Ben Williams referred back to our earlier discussion about worship attendance and approaching those whose attendance has lapsed. He offered to be the person to make contact with these individuals.

New Business: Pastor Carl shared that the lease on our copy machine is coming due soon. We will soon need to determine if we want to purchase the machine we have, or purchase a new or refurbished machine. He is working with the vendor to determine the costs on the different options and will report back later.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:45pm. The next Ad Council meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2016, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer