

Administrative Council Minutes
August 16, 2016

Julie Burdin opened the August 16, 2016 meeting at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Julie Burdin, Mandi Brown, Chuck Stockton, Chad Smith, Debbie Baker, Pastor Knapp and Ellen Gehringer.

After a devotion based on Revelations 2:2-7, we shared joys and concerns.

Business

Treasurers Report: Debbie Baker led a review of the treasurer's report. At this point in the year, our income is \$10,000 less than what was budgeted. Debbie reported that in order to meet our obligations it is necessary to transfer \$6,000 from the Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund. This is in addition to the \$5,000 that was transferred for this same purpose last month. At this point the Reserve Fund has a \$41,000 balance. We will continue to monitor our finances as we focus on ways to bring about a change.

Serving Team: Mandi Brown shared the Serving Team's plans for future missions, including a medical mission to Nicaragua.

Children and Youth Ministries: LOGOS will start again in September. An introduction meeting will be held September 7 at 6:00pm, with September 14 as the first regular session.

Updates

Facility:

- Pastor Knapp reported that the sanctuary roof has been completed and work will begin in the next week on the flat roof. Air conditioners will be move on August 23 prior to starting the actual roofing work. During this time there will be no air conditioning in the Education Building and abbreviated office hours will be observed while this work is being done.
- Once the flat roof has been completed, work will begin to eradicate mold in the ceiling and elsewhere.
- Tile floors will be professionally re-finished. Estimated cost is \$13,000.
- Updating the kitchen will occur last as remaining funds allow.

Missional Engagement:

- Those present discussed a recognized need to find something to unify the congregation and renew/refresh spiritual commitment. Possible activities were discussed but no final recommendations were made.

Community Connection:

- Back to School/Blessing of Backpack service will be Sunday, August 21, 10:30am, at the Expo Center with lunch following directly after the service.
- We will use the opportunity of this community service to pass out information about MUMC and our LOGOS program.
- Following lunch a group will travel to the school to offer on-site prayers for the students/teachers/administration for the upcoming school year.

Faith Development:

- Attendance has been a concern. While it is summer and church attendance normally is lower during this time, there is some concern about growing apathy and indifference. Ways to increase attendance were discussed as attendance is important to the development of faith.
- One suggestion was to hold a Revival possibly in the month of November, followed by a unifying scripture-based study in the spring.
- The group agreed to come back together in a couple of weeks to formulate plans for a Revival in early November. This meeting will occur Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

Old Business: The Council discussed the proposal to purchase serving dishes for our kitchen to support LOGOS and other congregational meals. The proposal is to purchase 2 bowls/2 serving platters, which is similar to what we used for each table during LOGOS, for 12 tables. The cost is \$639.96 with an additional \$78 for shipping. Debbie Baker is going to talk to Sherwin Dent and see if funds for these dishes could be taken out of our Memorials account.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:00pm.

Next meeting: September 20, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer