

Administrative Council Minutes – DRAFT
April 19, 2016

Julie Burdin opened the April 19, 2016 meeting at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Karen Butner, Rhonda Linsley, Julie Burdin, Ben Williams, Pastor Meghan Riegerix, Debbie Baker, Sherwin Dent, Sherry Robertson, Chad Smith, Pastor Carl Knapp, and Ellen Gehringer.

Julie Burdin offered an opening devotion relate to our mission statement – to grow, share and serve – and focused on fruit of the spirit – People will know you by the fruit you bear.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with a check of our goals by sharing information on recent actions/plans.

Facility:

- Roof: Bids on the roof have been received, both for the low slope option and the pitched roof section. The Trustees are waiting on bids for the Sanctuary section. The Trustees will be meeting next Sunday to try to come to some conclusions. After a contractor is selected, the Trustees will hold a meeting to share the plan for the roof with the congregation. Estimated cost is \$150,000 - \$160,000.
- Sanctuary: Plans include refreshing the sanctuary by painting and cleaning; adding multi-media equipment; and opening up the choir loft area to allow for a broader spectrum of worship options. Estimated cost is \$10,000. Media will be the major expense which we may be able to offset with a Missouri Methodist Foundation Grant.
- Kitchen: Pastor Carl has been working with an ad hoc committee to pinpoint and prioritize the needed improvements which include making sure we have equipment that works; easier access to the freezer; and re-arranging the layout of the sinks and dishwasher to provide better flow. Estimated cost is \$12,000.
- Funding: The plan is to complete all actions with current savings as funds allow, hopefully by the end of this year. Eventually we would like to continue with Phase 3 of the Master Plan, but right now it is on hold.

Missional Engagement:

- Serving Saturday will be May 14. Plans include working on the Loch Haven Garden and helping at the Sheltered Workshop.
- Summer Mission Trip – plans are not final at this time.

Community Connection:

- Mini Mobile Camp – We have been approached to provide a Mini Mobile Camp for first to fifth graders, perhaps as a back-to-school event in August. This activity would need 17 to 20 volunteers to be staffed appropriately for a maximum of 75 campers. This activity is meant to be an outreach to the community with a 50/50 congregation/community make-up. Pastor Carl shared that Ray Varner could be good contact to advise on what would be needed to make this camp successful. It is recommended that we agree to participate with the caveat that, if we don't have leaders on board to handle it, then it's not the right time for us to proceed.
- Several other options for back-to-school activities were discussed, including recognizing teachers and faculty at a Sunday event and providing lunch or snacks to teachers/faculty on a work day.

Faith Development:

- LOGOS is going well. There are three weeks left before topping for the summer months.

Business

Treasurers Report: Debbie Baker reported that all obligations have been paid and we are in the black. The report was reviewed and approved.

Family Ministry: Karen Butner reported that she's been approached about providing a Foster Adoptive Support group and would need childcare to move forward. She asked that the Council consider providing this support.

Karen also shared that, since the Macon Pool will not be open this year, The pool at Moberly has been reserved for the Friday evening end-of-VBS pool party.

Serving Team: Julie Burdin shared that the Serving Team has been approached with the possibility of establishing a community garden on some donated land.

Children's Ministry: Pastor Carl shared that we are currently using the Conference process for Safe Sanctuary certification, and it is cumbersome. Pastor Riegerix and Rhonda Linsley are working on a process for local training and certification which would work for any activity we have that is not a Conference-related activity.

Youth: Pastor Riegerix followed up on the question asked at the previous meeting about what might be done with the old band equipment. After some discussion the Council came to the consensus that the equipment belongs to the Youth and that Pastor Riegerix has the authority to dispose of it with any money earned from its sale to go to the Youth Group.

United Methodist Men: Chad Smith shared that the breakfast for graduating seniors and their parents will be held May 8.

Old Business: Pastor Knapp reported that the lease for the copier is currently up. After talking with the vendor, he recommends purchasing the current copier for \$3,000 and pay a monthly fee for a service contract. This cost would be less than the \$250/month we currently pay. The group discussed the possibility of contracting with a local print shop for printing bulletins/newsletters/etc., and asked Pastor Carl and Deidre to investigate the viability of this option. Through consensus, the council agreed that if the recommended option was not going to meet our needs, Deidre has the authority to proceed with the purchase of the copier.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: May 17, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer