

Administrative Council Minutes
December 18, 2017 -- DRAFT

MUMC Administrative Council met on December 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Chris Nelson, Debbie Baker, Sherwin Dent, Pastor Meghan Riegerix, Judy Wilson, Rhonda Linsley, Mandi Brown, Pastor Carl Knapp, and Ellen Gehringer

Pastor Knapp opened the meeting with a discussion of the hymn, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, from Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions.

Business

Church Nursery: Judy Wilson shared an update on current efforts to keep the nursery staffed. Kaitlyn Jemes is a paid nursery attendant who covers Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Judy has been helping on Sunday mornings and has been finding volunteers to fill in. As many of the volunteers are no longer going to be available, Judy recommends that we look at hiring another person for Sunday mornings. The individual would need to be at least 18 years old and available Sundays from 8:15am – 12:pm, and Wednesday 3:45pm – 6:45pm.

Trustees Report/Building Use Policy: Chris Nelson let the Council through a review of the Building Use Policy. After some discussion, Chris Nelson made a motion to approve the new Building Use Policy, Sherwin Dent seconded and the motion passed with one dissenting vote. Chris Nelson also reported that the Trustees' are exploring a building safety policy.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker reported that she has not had to pull any money from our reserve funds since September to meet our expenses, but our income is just meeting our needs.

Pastor Knapp shared a suggestion as to how we might move forward in 2018 in a way to provide more opportunity to focus on "intentional finance" and also take care of church business. The recommendation is for the Finance Committee to meet in January, March, May, August, and October at which time they will not only discuss our bills and finances, but also how we are progressing with discipleship. Regular Ad Council meetings would occur in February, April, June, September, and November when regular business would be handled. A discussion followed about meeting models and whether we might lose continuity of efforts if we meet less and it was determined to begin the new schedule on a trial basis and re-evaluate how it is going in six months.

Leaders' Retreat: The Ad Council discussed possible dates for a Leaders' Retreat – either January 13 or 14, or February 2 or 3. Pastor Knapp will get back with us with a finalized date. He also shared that the Bishop has shared an expectation for every church to establish a plan to make disciples.

Computer/Technical Issues: Pastor Carl shared that our current hardware is not meeting current needs and needs to be updated. He shared a recommendation he received from Josh Stuckey to improve Deidre's computer, improve the network between staff members' computers, and improve the sound booth. Also needed is an upgrade to Windows 10 and new batteries for current computers. Chris Nelson recommended that this concern be taken to the Trustees for review and the Council agreed.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer