

Administrative Council Minutes
February 21, 2017

Pastor Carl Knapp opened the February 21, 2017, Administrative Council meeting at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Chris Nelson, Chuck Stockton, Debbie Baker, Rhonda Linsley, Ben Williams, Shari Dye, Wilma Maddox, Pastor Meghan Riegerix, Pastor Carl Knapp, Sherry Robertson, Julie Burden and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Knapp led a discussion of the vision of the ideal church based on Acts 2:42, Exodus 25:8, Matthew 5:16, and Romans 12:2. He ended with a challenge that we work to answer the “so that” of anything we do in order to link our actions to the mission and vision of our church. Why is it we do what we do?

Business

Following the opening discussion, Pastor Knapp shared his vision of the structure of our future meetings. While we still need to review our Treasurer’s report and minutes, he suggests the following, based on Ken Willard’s, Winning on Purpose:

1. Focus on the big picture – How are we meeting the mission of MUMC?
2. Focus on policies that help us to meet the mission of MUMC – set boundaries when needed.
3. Establish accountability

We followed with a discussion of the Leadership Retreat we held in January. There was agreement that we had good discussion and good fellowship, but missed the opportunity to develop plans of action due to time constraints. The question was asked if it would be helpful to have a similar meeting to follow-up on the groundwork we laid in January. Through discussion it was determined that it would be helpful to have a follow-up meeting, sooner rather than later, most likely on a Sunday, for the purpose of moving us forward. We also agreed that the Discipleship Pathway, as introduced by Pastor Riegerix, is a good starting point. Chuck Stockton volunteered to develop desired outcomes in advance to help us determine our next steps with our focus areas:

- Worship
- Discipleship/Spiritual Growth
- Congregational Care

Congregational Care – Pastor Knapp discussed our need to focus on Congregational Care comparing it to three areas of a home:

- Front Door – How do new people view us and what do we do for them?
- Living Room – How do we care for the people who are already here?
- Back Door – How do we approach those who leave or fall away for some reason?

Ben Williams has taken a lead role in our efforts toward improving Congregational Care. He recently met with some small groups of people to gather input about what actions we should be taking in this area. As a result, a series of books have been purchased to share with families who are dealing with the loss of loved ones, and a plan has been developed for determining who will be accountable for meeting with these families to share this information.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Baker led a review of the January financial report, saying it was a good month with more income than expenses. She noted that we have 6 scholarship recipients.

Trustees' Report – Chris Nelson asked if anyone knew where our Articles of Incorporation are. Debbie Baker will check the lock box. According to guidelines, the Trustees are responsible for overseeing “facilities and investments.” The Trustees are looking for assistance from those involved in dealing with financial interests to oversee investments. After much discussion, Ellen Gehringer made a motion that the Finance Team, along with the Chairperson of the Memorials Team, be responsible for reviewing and monitoring MUMC investments. Rhonda Linsley seconded the motion and it carried.

Serving Team – Julie Burdin shared information about plans to proceed with putting together a church directory. While Julie is still investigating options, Rhonda Linsley, Sherry Robertson, and Ellen Gehringer volunteered to be on hand to assist with the process to try to ensure that it runs smoothly.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer