

Administrative Council Minutes

August 15, 2017 - Draft

MUMC Administrative Council met on August 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Pastor Meghan Riegerix, Debbie Baker, Shari Dye, Julie Burdin, Mandi Brown, Pastor Carl Knapp, Bob Harrold, Chad Smith, Sherwin Dent, and Ellen Gehringer

Pastor Riegerix opened the meeting a devotion reflecting upon the recent events happening in Charlottesville and other areas and reminding us that all people are children of God.

Business

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Baker shared information from the Treasurer's reports for June and July. She shared that she has moved \$10,000 out of the Reserve Fund to meet our expenses, and that we have \$10,000 remaining. All bills are being paid, but while both income and expenses have decreased equally, we are still not meeting commitments without occasionally needing to pull money from reserve funds. Debbie also shared that the Annual Fund Balance Audit had been completed for 2016.

Following this report, the Council discussed factors that might explain our financial situation. As a result of our discussion, the group considered whether it would be a good idea to offer a family financial education program again. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace program was discussed, along with other alternatives including Crown Financial Ministries, and Thrivent Financial. No definite decision was reached, however the general agreement was that this is something we would like to see happen this fall.

Serving Team: Mandi Brown reported that the Fall Rummage Sale will be September 8-9. This year they will be open on Friday for the full day. The next Serving Saturday will be October 7. Activities will include a Rainbow Ride, band breakfast, appreciation bags, and collection for the Festival of Sharing. Julie Burden shared plans to share the Nicaragua stories at future services. The Council discussed the possibility of sharing these stories in Macon Area News on Facebook and possibly the local newspaper. Mandi also shared that the Serving Team is discussing the possibility and the challenge of sponsoring a village through Rainbow Network.

Children's Ministry: Rhonda Linsley reported that the Flood Bucket ministry had exceeded expected results. A total of 25 buckets were completed through VBS.

Trustees' Report – Pastor Knapp and Bob Harrold led a continuation of the discussion held in the previous meeting on the revisions to the building use policy. There are still concerns that we are not being consistent in how we allow people to use our facilities in for-profit events. Are we allowing some things, but not others? Also, we have nothing in our policy asking for insurance for liability purposes. Our current insurance provides coverage for any ministry that occurs in our building. Contract groups will not fall under that coverage. If we allow people to use our facilities without providing insurance then we are accepting their liability. It was determined that:

- We want to get legal advice about what would be involved in assuming all liability during any event vs. requiring all contracts to be accompanied with proof of insurance.
- We need to further discuss ways to be consistent in the for-profit contracts we accept. (Youth entrepreneurial ventures vs. garage sale). The general thought was that we want to be open to allow any church member who wants to use the building to do so for a donation equal to what they would normally tithe.

Pastor Knapp went on to share that we are moving forward with the renovation of the kitchen. This is being done in stages and starts with replacing three of our current appliances – griddle, double convection oven and range -- with two new ones – a single convection oven and new range. It is estimated that this will cost \$9,000. Bids will be taken for other parts of the kitchen project. The Trustees have a prioritized list of projects and will include the kitchen projects as finances allow. Some of this work could possibly be funded by a New Ministries grant.

Church Directory: Plans are moving forward for a new church directory. Karen Butner has begun advertising. Family pictures will be taken on Sundays beginning at 8:00am and Wednesday afternoon/evenings at a time yet to be determined. Keithly's Photography will also take pictures at the nursing homes.

Back to School Blessing Day: Pastor Knapp shared information about the Back to School Blessing Sunday on August 20. The message went out on Thursday inviting students and families, teachers and administrators to the special service, lunch and activities. Emily Koch will drive the church bus as a shuttle and church members are asked to use the parking lot south of City Hall in order to provide parking for guests.

Logos: Pastor Knapp shared that Logos will be starting September 6. This will be an orientation night and will be held in the sanctuary.

Revival Possibility: Pastor Knapp shared that he's been talking to Dr. Roger Ross about the possibility of holding a revival similar to what we did the previous year. This would be October 23-25, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Monday through Wednesday. The topic would be Discipleship – How do we make disciples in Christ?, and there would be an alternative program for youth as there was in the past.

Work Trailer Signage: The Council approved a bid of \$280 presented by Shari Dye for putting the Methodist flame logo and MUMC information on the work trailer. She added that she would donate \$100 so the cost to MUMC would be \$180.

Nursery Staff: Pastor Knapp and SPRCC are beginning the process of filling the recent vacancies in the nursery. Until new attendants are found, volunteers will be needed to fill in.

Cry Room: It was brought up that the Cry Room is really not in condition to be used for it's intended purpose. To be functional, the speaker needs to be repaired or replaced. Also needed are a space heater and a rocking chair. Ellen Gehringer and Shari Dye both have space heaters to donate and it was recommended that we consider any rocking chairs that come in for the rummage sale as possible additions to the Cry Room.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:40pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer