

Administrative Council Meeting August 21, 2018

The Administrative Council met on August 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Shari Dye, Debbie Baker, Jon Kelly, Sherwin Dent, Julie Burdin, Rhonda Linsley, Scott Nelson, Mandi Brown, Pastor Carl Knapp, and Ellen Gehringer

The meeting opened with a discussion of what it means to follow Jesus and we shared characteristics of people we see as being Godly. We were challenged to think about where we were in saying "Yes" to following Jesus. Jesus invites us to follow him and see the changes that are wrought by doing so.

Business

Treasurer Report: Debbie Baker shared that it was necessary to transfer \$3,000 from the Ministry Fund to meet our expenses in the month of July. One large expense we paid that month was \$7,000 for the work being done to improve our technology. Funds to cover the cost of the technology improvements came from the Memorial Fund and a \$2,500 grant awarded by the Missouri Methodist Foundation. We continued by reviewing the Profit/Loss comparison of expenses from this year to last year. We will be dedicating next month's meeting (September 18) to finances. Scott Nelson made the motion to approve the treasurer's report for July, Shari Dye seconded the motion and it was approved.

Back to School Events: We discussed the recent back to school activities and service. Mandi Brown said the snacks and treats that were taken to the teachers before school started were very well received. While the Expo Center is somewhat expensive to rent, we felt that non-MUMC members probably felt more comfortable coming to a neutral location and it is the right size for the service. Things we want to remember/consider for the future:

- We liked how each group was recognized and blessed. This was done at their seats with others around them standing to lay on hands.
- In the future we need to make sure that all students have people around them to pray and lay on hands for them as there were some on stage with the Uplifters who were left out this time.
- We should look into the possibility of partnering with other churches when/if we do this next year.
- We should consider sending individual invitations directly to administrators, teachers, and board members in the future.
- We learned we cannot do two inflatable games unless we look into alternate power.
- The water games were very well received.
- We had more students participating in the prayer walk than in previous years.
- Perhaps next year we can partner with the MHS members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. To do this we need to get on their meeting schedule.

Mission Trip Follow-Up: On Sunday, August 26, at 6:30pm, there will be a meal prepared by the youth for the congregation. They are planning to show pictures and share information about this summer's mission trip. This dinner will also serve as a fundraising kick-off for next year's mission trips. The goal is to raise \$20,000. At this time, mission destinations have not been selected for the up-coming year, but Pastor Knapp shared that Puerto Rico is the focus of the Methodist Conference.

ShareFest 2018: Julie Burdin and Mandi Brown shared information on ShareFest, which will be held September 28-29. This year, our church will host the drop off, kit preparation and distribution of the ShareFest items. ShareFests are replacing the large Festival of Sharing previously held in Sedalia annually. On Friday night, there will be an over-night youth event where they will take part in simulations that are meant to help them link the ShareFest to its purpose. This is also Macon High School's Homecoming, so our youth who are involved in Friday night school activities will be arriving later. We will also have students leaving on Saturday morning for band contests. We will need to provide breakfast on Saturday and the Methodist's Men have volunteered to take care of providing lunch that day. We anticipate needing 80-100 to help that day. Mandi Brown will run a Rainbow Network booth at the ShareFest. The next Serving Team meeting is September 11.

LOGOS: Pastor Knapp shared information on LOGOS which starts September 12. There is a leaders' meeting on September 5. We are currently needing a bus driver to drive our bus that picks up children from school and brings them to MUMC. We discussed options of either hiring a bus driver or finding vans and drivers from the congregation to take care of this duty. Sherwin Dent volunteered to try and get his CDL license to handle this in the interim.

Youth Ministry: Pastor Knapp shared that the Youth Leadership Team is being incorporated into Youth Ministry to direct their program. Currently there are six MUMC youth committed to this effort and Pastor Knapp would like to get them involved in the Conference's Next Generation Academy. This is a series of events, to be a place for students to grow in their faith by exploring spiritual gifts, leadership development, and service and mission.

Trustees: Jon Kelly reported that the new furnace and air conditioning unit for the nursery has been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks. This is being funded out of Major Projects and will cost \$7,400.

Conference Action Plan Kick-Off: Pastor Knapp shared information about the Conference Action Plan Kick-Off that is being held Saturday, September 8, 9:30am to 3:00pm, at several locations around the state. This is an introduction to the Missouri Annual Conference's priorities: Pathway out of Poverty, Missional Leadership and New Places for New People. He will be attending at Community United Methodist Church in Columbia and is looking for others to attend with him. If you are interested in participating, please let him know. Those attending will meet at the parking lot at 8:15am on September 8, to carpool.

District Charge Conference: Pastor Knapp also shared that our annual District Charge Conference is scheduled November 18. This year it will be held at the Methodist Church in Clarence, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. We need to have as many people as possible attend to represent us.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: Finance Team, September 18, 2018, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer