

**Administrative Council Minutes**  
**April 17, 2018 - DRAFT**

MUMC Administrative Council met on April 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Debbie Baker, Jon Kelly, Mandi Brown, Sherwin Dent, Julie Burdin, Scott Nelson, Shari Dye, Pastor Riegerix, Pastor Knapp, and Ellen 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 devotional thought to help us center and think about our relationship with God and how he works in our lives based on Psalms 46, from *The Faith We Sing – Come and Find Your Quiet Center*.

**Business**

We reviewed the minutes from the February 20, 2018 Ad Council meeting.

**Focus Areas:** Pastor Knapp led a review of the status of our four focus areas.

Small Groups: There have been five small groups meeting through the season of Lent with two groups continuing on. Pastor Riegerix reported on the group she is taking part in that is ongoing. They are studying *Discovering God's Will* by Andy Stanley. Mandi Brown reported that the group she's been participating in will be ongoing also, but will be taking a break for the summer. Pastor Knapp has a group that meets each Tuesday at noon with the exception of Distribution Tuesday. A discussion followed outlining the kinds of groups that could be started that would meet the needs of other church members. Ideas included dinner groups, seasonal groups, brown bag lunches, and groups with financial focus.

Prayer: The Prayer Chair has been established in both services. Julie has made a schedule for the chair for both services but is uncertain what to do with the schedule for the first service. Details for how these schedules would be implemented in the future were discussed. We've also implemented praying for people/events on the spot during Sunday morning joys and concerns and at other times.

The Holy Week Prayer Services were cancelled and Pastor Knapp is looking for another opportunity for the congregation to gather in prayer. Wednesday night after LOGOS was one suggestion and we discussed whether it should be weekly or monthly. Julie asked what format the prayer meeting would take. Pastor Knapp said he would lead the meeting but would encourage others to participate, and for the time being is determining the starting point for this effort.

Children's Choir: The children have performed frequently over the last few months which is the goal. Rhonda shared the plans for future children's musical performances.

Congregational Care: Pastor Knapp reported that Sherwin Dent and Roger Smith have taken the lead in our efforts to promote Congregational Care. A group has been formed with Roger Smith and Kathy Nelson as co-chairs. This group is planning on doing some intentional calling to people who have not attended church events and services to check in with them and see how they are. Sherwin explained that the plan involved splitting the names up so that committee members call people they have a connection to and when talking with them, they will ask if there's anything that the individual needs from the Pastor. Sherwin also talked about the need to develop methods to keep people from dropping through the cracks and we discussed the need to assist in helping our leaders address any concerns.

**Trustees Report:** Pastor Knapp reported that the Board of Trustees applied for a Technical Grant from the Missouri Methodist Foundation that would assist us in improving our Wi-Fi (estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000) and screens and software for the Sanctuary (estimated at \$6,000). We will be notified by June if our grant application is approved. Council members continued to discuss ways to move forward with this so we could have the improvements made before fall. Scott Nelson made a motion to proceed with the improvements to the Wi-Fi and the screens and software for the Sanctuary by utilizing funds from the Memorial Fund -- \$10,000 for the Wi-Fi upgrade and up to \$6,000 for the screens and software for the sanctuary. Sherwin Dent seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

Back to School Blessing Day: Pastor Knapp led a discussion on holding the Back to School Blessing Day once again this year. School starts August 20. The general consensus was to hold the Blessing Day the week before school started – possibly on August 12. Further discussion concluded that our first choice would be to hold it on August 12 at the school. If it is not possible to hold the Blessing Day at the school, then our second choice would be to hold it at an off-site location on August 19.

Revival: The Council discussed the possibility of holding a revival this fall similar to those we've held in the past. Pastor Knapp shared the names of possible speakers. The general consensus was that the revival has been a positive activity over the last two years. Mandi Brown made a motion that we once again hold a revival in the fall. Scott Nelson seconded the motion and it carried.

Financial: Shannon Isaacson has indicated that he is willing to come to a future Finance meeting to explain our investments and share possibilities for growth.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: Finance Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer