

**Administrative Council Minutes**  
**April 16, 2014 -- DRAFT**

Deanne Hackman on April 16, 2014, at 6:00pm. Karen Shearer shared a message from 1 Thessalonians. In attendance were: Rhonda Linsley, Betty Vancil, Sandy Sunderland, Ben Coleman, Chad Smith, Karen Shearer, Deanne Hackman, Wayne Hackman, Sherwin Dent, Carolyn Ketsenburg, Julius Ketsenburg, Julie Burdin, and Ellen Gehringer

Draft minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and Julie Burdin moved for acceptance. Karen Shearer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with minor correction..

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Baker reported that the budget is still looking good. After a group review, Ellen Gehringer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Betty Vancil seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved

**Serving Team:** Julie Burdin reminded everyone that Serving Saturday will be held April 26, beginning at 9:00am. Plans are in place to work on the home repairs in Lentner, refresh the flower beds at Loch Haven, make dresses for the *Dress a Girl* project, and move forward with our Laundromat ministry. The Spring Rummage Sale was a success netting \$2,500, with some nice leftover items to use for a free rummage sale at Macon Healthcare and to share with the Gift Shop at Samaritan Hospital.

Julie also shared information on the baby shower for Ray of Hope Mission that runs May1 -11. We are asked to donate items that a baby will need. These items will be collected and delivered to Ray of Hope.

The Serving Team requested and were approved to give \$1,000 from the Ministry Fund to "Shoes From the Heart," a ministry that sends thousands of pairs of shoes each year to children in need. They also requested and were approved to use \$1,000 from the Ministry Fund to provide Bible Sticks to soldiers and their families.

Julie also shared that the Nicaragua mission trip (June 29-July 5) is shaping up nicely with 12 individuals committed to attend, and 4 possible attendees.

**Uplifters:** No report.

**Camping:** No report.

**United Methodist Men:** Chad Smith shared that the group met April 6 and are moving forward with the Senior Recognition breakfast on April 27.

**SPRC:** Betty Vancil reported that SPRC is working on plans for the upcoming transitions as the Ketsenburgs move on to their next adventure and MUMC receives our new pastor. May 4 is the ladies' luncheon for Carolyn and SPRC is hosting a Wednesday dinner on June 9 in honor of the Ketsenburgs. June 15 will be Julius' last Sunday with us. The District Superintendent has been visiting MUMC recently and will be announcing who will be appointed as our pastor shortly. S

Betty also shared that SPRC had recently interviewed Meghan Riegerix, for the half-time Youth Minister position. Meghan is currently Youth Director at the UMC in Mexico, MO, and will be commissioned a deacon at Annual Conference in June of this year (2014). Her goal is to be ordained a deacon, which requires that she serve in a conference approved position for 2 years (or the equivalent) in order to transition from commissioned to ordained. While Elders (pastors) are appointed, Deacons find their own positions and ask the conference to sanction/approve it. The conference does that by saying they are "appointed." So when/if Meghan comes to Macon, she will be "appointed" here and be working

toward fulfilling her requirements for ordination. Hiring an appointee would require additional financial commitment on MUMC's part to meet conference guidelines, pension commitment and necessary continuing education expenses. Betty reported that SPRC had presented this financial expense to the Finance Team and it was approved. In following this information, Chad Smith made a motion to approve SPRC's proposal to proceed with hiring Meghan Riegerix for the Youth Director position if there is a positive outcome after she and the incoming pastor have an opportunity to meet. Wayne Hackman seconded the motion and it passed.

Betty also reported that SPRC has been successful in hiring Daniel Head for the custodian position.

**Children's Ministry:** No additions to the submitted report.

**Family Ministry:** No report.

**Memorials:** No report

**Sharing Team:** Sandy Sunderland reported that Sharing Team members canvassed the neighborhood surrounding the church and delivered 17 tissue packets to residents. Plans are underway to provide information at the Flywheel celebration and Fork & Cork. She reminded the council that May 4 Sharing Team is holding a women's lunch for Carolyn. She also reported that team members are participating in a group study of the book, Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore, by Thom and Joani Schultz.

**Scholarship Committee:** No report.

**Camping Team:** Chad Smith reported that the team is wrapping up early bird sign-ups for camp. Scholarships are still available. They are trying personal contacts with church families to increase camp participation. A 5K run is being planned for September as a fundraiser to improve playground equipment at the camp.

**Finance Team:** The Finance Team held their quarterly meeting 30 minutes prior to the Ad Council meeting and announced plans to continue this schedule for their future quarterly meetings. Two requests for funding from the Ministry Fund were reviewed and approved along with SPRC's aforementioned request for approval for funding the hiring of a new Youth Director.

**Trustees:** Ben Coleman reported that the roof leak is back and the Trustees will be seeking estimates from professional roofers. The new lights in the Sanctuary are completed and will be paid for out of the Memorials Fund, and the remodeling of the basement bathroom is almost complete. Upgrading the north parking lot is on hold and the group is waiting for better weather before proceeding with the new roof on the parsonage.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ketsenburg informed the council that the three computers in the office area are running very slow and are still using XP software which is no longer supported by Microsoft. He recommends that we begin to move forward to replace these computers. Betty Vancil made a motion to begin the replacement process by funding a new computer for the Treasurer out of Office Supplies. Ben Coleman seconded this motion and it carried.

There was no new business to discuss. At this point, Julius and Carolyn were allowed to leave and the group continued a discussion of plans for transitioning outgoing and incoming pastors.

When the discussion was completed, Ben Coleman made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Wayne Hackman seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 21, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Gehringer