

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2009

Carl Bartell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M. following Intercessory Prayer. He opened the meeting with prayer, and the Council pledged their allegiance to the American and the Christian flags.

The minutes of March 11 were distributed and read. Harry Vercoe motioned to approve the minutes and Elaine Perry seconded the motion, which passed.

Financial Report – John Eaton gave the financial report for Sandy Shipe. Lily Roadcap moved to accept the report; Art Honeycutt seconded. Motion passed. Carl Bartell reminded the Ad Council members that the agenda and previous meeting minutes can be reviewed in advance of a meeting on the church website.

Old Business

- 1) Update on Living Easter – Cheryl Wood reported that the plants are all in the ground in the Garden of Eden and everything else is ready to go for April 3 and 4.
- 2) Church Office Automation/Internet Access – Suzanne Leavelle stated that Verizon is scheduled to install internet access in the church office on April 16.

New Business

- 1) Informational Meeting on Annual Conference Constitutional Amendments – Carl Bartell reported on a meeting that he, Pastor Mike, and lay member Jean Unruh attended at Bethel Church on Tuesday, March 31. This informational forum was prepared by Pastor Fred Duncan to educate our local church leaders (pastoral and lay) about the 32 amendments which were proposed by the General Conference in 2008 to be voted on by all Methodist conferences this year. Pastor Duncan presented an objective list of pros and cons for each amendment, several of which are of major importance to the continuation of United Methodism as we know it. This information is currently on Bethel’s website (Bethel Church Lewes.com) and will soon be on Conley’s website. Carl urged all Ad Council members plus others in the congregation to read these amendments. Hard copies will also be available for those without computer access. Please pass on your opinion regarding the changes to Pastor Mike or Jean Unruh, both of whom are voting members of Annual Conference. Pastor Mike also asked us to keep the Annual Conference in our prayers. He asked that we pray that all churches will attend and vote.

Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees – Wendy Schmitt was unable to attend the meeting, but Pastor Mike reported that five new members joined the church on the last Membership Sunday. He reminded everyone of singing at Renaissance Nursing Home on April 4, beginning with lunch in the Fellowship Hall at Noon. There will be a prayer vigil at the Bethlehem site at 10:00 A.M. on each of the Living Easter presentation days – April 3 and 4. Also, an intercessory prayer service will be held in the church from 6-9 P.M. each night. There will be a tent set up at the end of the Living Easter tour for discussion and/or prayer if so desired by any of the visitors.

Social Concerns Committee (SCC) – This committee is still in the process of being formed, as directed at the Church Conference in December. The following church committees should be represented on the SCC: UMW, LRAC (Harry Vercoe), Men’s Group, Pastoral Rep (Mike or Wendy), Living Nativity/Living Easter (Cheryl Wood), Finance. Cheryl Wood moved to add the Girls Night Organization (GNO) to this list since they now fall under the umbrella of Conley’s Outreach Ministries. John Dickson seconded the motion and it passed. The GNO will also provide a representative to the Social Concerns Committee. Carl requested that those groups who have not selected a representative do so soon and that the committee meet to select a chairperson.

Missions Committee – Jeanne Quinn reported that our missionaries in Peru (the Metz’s) will visit the church on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5 to report on their mission. A free will offering will be taken for the Metz family.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Nothing to report.

LRAC – Harry Vercoe said that the next LRAC meeting would be on April 7; he will make a report after that meeting.

Trustees – John Gladwell reported that a new conference room has been created by removing a wall between two classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Bill Barry for doing this and thanks to all who helped on cleanup day at all locations. The Trustees have decided to start construction of the new church following completion of site work. They believe they have enough money to at least complete the shell. We can save money by building now when the economy is sluggish. The Trustees propose to switch from the proposed cedar siding to vinyl siding for easier future maintenance. Harry Vercoe moved that the Trustees be given permission to make this change, and Winnie Oggenfuss seconded the motion, which passed. Two additional items reported were the repair of the parsonage garage door and replacement of the broken speaker system in the church. John Gladwell moved that we replace the speaker system, with a cost limit of \$2600, using money in the Maintenance budget. Elaine Perry seconded the motion and it passed. Elaine gave credit to the Trustees for all their hard work on behalf of the church. John Gladwell also noted that the Men’s Group made \$605 on their spaghetti dinner. The money will be used to purchase more new chairs for the Fellowship Hall.

Health Ministries – Sue Woodward turned in a written report. One CPR class was given in March and two more are planned for April.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Mike said he is feeling excitement and tension as we approach Easter Week. He also reported on his Conference committee, stating that eight candidates applied for ordination, of which six were accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Unruh, Secretary