

“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

October 7, 2009

The meeting opened at 7:15 P.M. with pledges to the American and the Christian flags.

The minutes of September 2, 2009 were approved by Harry Vercoe and seconded by Gil Britland.

Financial Report – Sandy Shipe presented the Treasurer’s Report. Lily Roadcap moved to accept the report; the motion was seconded by Gil Britland. Motion passed.

Old Business

- 1) Telephone Call Routing/Phone Tree Problems/New Phones for Office – Carl Bartell prepared a survey for office personnel to complete. Once the survey is finished, the committee will decide on how to proceed with upgrading the phone system.
- 2) Technology Technician – There has been no response regarding this issue. The topic will remain inactive until someone is identified to fill the position.
- 3) Family Night – Wendy Schmitt reported that Family Nights will be started next year after the new Evangelism Committee meets in January.
- 4) Safe Sanctuary Committee – Wendy has been updating our policies. The revised program will begin in January 2010.
- 5) Business Directory – Wendy Schmitt has had discussions with Olan Mills about a new church directory. The directory can include a Business Directory plus an on-line directory. The directory will be included on the Website with controls for access.
- 6) Personalized Bricks Fund Raiser – Gwen Michel showed both 4X4 and 4X8 bricks that can be inscribed and installed in sand for a walkway. Sizes can be mixed & matched with spacers. The bricks are purported to last at least 25 years. The small bricks cost \$17.50 and the large bricks cost \$37.50. The Transition Team will chose the color, determine the final selling price of the bricks, and handle the sales.
- 7) Calendar of Events – Sharing of calendar items between the Newsletter and the Website is working out well.
- 8) New Church Transition Committee – The newly formed committee consists of Ed Perry, Chair; Pastor Mike Hurley; Bill Barry; John Eaton; Pat Short; and Judy Weiland. Ed presented a comprehensive 4-page report consisting of a) Transition Committee Mission and Contributing Decisions, b) Conley’s Current Assets, c) Projected Expenses & Income plus Loan Costs for 2010 through 2013, and d) two suggested motions regarding obtaining a loan and authorizing the use of fund raising monies. After an informative discussion, Ed Perry made the following motion:

“For Administrative Council to authorize securing a loan of up to \$1.4 million to complete our new church facility, including congregational and district approval, and submission of a loan application by the Finance Committee to the lending institution of choice.”

John Dickson seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken, Pastor Mike prayed over the motion. The motion passed. Ed Perry then moved

“To authorize the use of income generated from fund raising and/or thrift yard sale/thrift store operations to pay for any shortcomings in general collections. It is understood that as soon as possible fund raising income is to be used for pay down of building loan and that thrift store income would be used in part or in whole for community outreach services.”

This motion was also seconded by John Dickson and passed. The proposals will be presented to the Conference on November 19, 2009 and at a church conference as soon as possible thereafter .

New Business

1) UMC Political/Social Positions – Carl Bartell introduced the idea of developing advocacy groups to address and take a stance regarding some of the cultural issues facing the UMC or some of the major proposed changes to the Book of Discipline. No strong desire for such a stance was evident among the Ad Council members. Pastor Mike suggested we let our wishes be known through our delegates to the Annual and General Conferences.

Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees –

Membership: 1) Working on a new directory for early next year using Olan Mills. It will have a free on-line directory and will be accessible through the website. 2) There will be a Fellowship Dinner sponsored by the Health Ministries on Sunday, October 18. 3) A representative from Prosperity Pumps (sneaker donations) will talk at the 8:45 and 10:30 services that day. 4) The Ministry Fair will be conducted differently this year. Speakers will address the congregations at various times for 4-8 weeks.

Evangelism: “Trunk for Treats” will be held on Saturday, October 31. Prayer will be at 4:30, setup from 5-5:30, and the children will be admitted at 6:00 P.M. Sorting of candy will take place on Sunday, October 25, after second service.

Prayer: Planning new prayer activities in the sanctuary for the new church. A Bless-the-Walls ceremony will be held in the new church on November 1 -- All Saints Day. Everyone will be welcome to write scripture or blessings on the walls.

Social Concerns Committee – Cheryl Wood reported that the Committee has reached the limit of what they can distribute this year, since there is only \$330 left in the fund. Liz Marshall is planning to conduct an Adopt-a-Family campaign again this Christmas.

Missions Committee – Jeanne Quinn reported that Faye Boore is on a mission trip to Guatemala.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jean Unruh reported for Jerry Mitchell that all employees’ 2010 salary figures had been agreed upon and submitted to the Finance Committee. Wendy Schmitt received tentative approval (awaiting final approval from the Ad Council) from the S-PPRC to purchase biblically-based counseling material (six units) for use at Conley’s.

After Wendy has studied the material, she could present shortened courses to church members. Jean Unruh moved and Mary Lou Dickson seconded the motion to use \$420 of the Lay Leader's discretionary fund to pay for this course material.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Harry Vercoe reported that LRAC will sponsor a buddy walk on November 10 at Rehoboth Boardwalk to support Downs Syndrome children. Over the summer 330 people attended the services at Cape Henlopen State Park. The next LRAC meeting will be held on October 13 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Trustees – The electrician has begun working in the new building. He will be finished around the end of October. There is enough money to pay him and to complete a few small items already planned. After that, no work can be done until we raise more money.

Health Ministries – The Committee is preparing chicken dinner baskets for the needy for Thanksgiving. Please call Sue Woodward (945-5438) if you can help with preparation. Christmas caroling is planned at the nursing homes on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 P.M. and at individual residences of shut-ins on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 P.M.

Capital Campaign Committee – Pat Short reported on the following established or proposed fundraising efforts:

- Beginning in January, there will be two restaurant fundraisers/month.
- The Committee is selling 14k gold and sterling silver jewelry which has Christian and Methodist designs. She sold almost \$1300 of jewelry in 4-5 hour period the day of the Ad Council meeting.
- Discount cards are still available.
- The Oldies Dance will be held on Friday, October 16, at Bethel UMC in Lewes.
- Plans are underway for selling Christmas cards with a picture of the Living Nativity on them.
- The Food Lion program is going well; Pat encouraged everyone to sign up with Safeway also; they give the largest payback.
- Another variety show.
- Sharon Weaber suggested holding a church brunch each Sunday.
- A new Conley's Cookbook
- A thrift store fashion show.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike said he had no weddings, funerals, or baptisms during the month of September. However, he was kept busy attending 15 meetings within a 3-week period and made 18 visitations. Mike asked for prayers for the upcoming Boys Chrysalis Weekend, where he will serve as Spiritual Director.

Miscellaneous

We were reminded of the Conference training session (The Well) at Eagles Nest UMC on Saturday, October 10. Many of Conley's leaders are planning to attend.

Harry Vercoe moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Unruh, Secretary

These minutes are temporary until approved by the Ad Council at its next meeting.