

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2010

Wendy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer at 7:10 P.M., followed by silent, individual prayer.

Minutes – Wendy Schmitt moved to approve the June 2, 2010 minutes, and Lily Roadcap seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Treasurer Sandy Shipe presented the financial report. Wendy Schmitt moved to accept the report. The motion passed.

Old Business

- 1) Contingency Funding Line in Budget)
- 2) Rental of the New Church Building) - Remained Tabled
- 3) WKNZ 88.7 as a Mission Budget Item)
- 4) Use of Pavilion for District & Conference Picnics – Pastor Mike has informed the correct parties that site work and paving will not be complete enough for use of the pavilion this summer.
- 5) Church Management Software – Wendy Schmitt gave a comprehensive presentation on Webinar Church Management Software followed by a discussion period. Charlie Marshall moved that the Ad Council approve purchase of this management tool. Bob Wood seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business

- 1) Donation of Baby Grand Piano – Mr. Gene Yenni, a former church member of Conley's, offered by donate a 100-year old Shaw baby grand piano to Conley's for use in the new church. Unfortunately, the piano has been sitting in an unconditioned house for a year or more and is in very poor shape. A local piano turner/restorer estimated it would cost \$2000 to return it to a playable condition. Jean Unruh moved and Charlie Marshall seconded that we respectfully decline Mr. Yenni's offer. Jean will prepare a letter to be sent on Conley's letterhead.
- 2) Adopt-a-Family Back-to-School Program – Lizz Marshall made a motion that Conley's participate in the subject organization's program to provide school materials, clothing, etc. for needy children, at a cost of \$250/child. This will be done through Wal-Mart credit cards or cash donations. Mary Lou Dickson seconded the motion, which passed. Lizz will present the project to the congregation.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to American and Christian Flags – Citing some sound reasons for not pledging allegiance to the flags during Ad Council meetings, Pastor Mike moved that we dispense with this practice. Lily Roadcap seconded the motion. It passed. Mike asked each of us to continue praying for our country.

Committee Reports

Prayer/Evangelism/Membership Committees – The Prayer Committee met and is studying "Praying through the Bible." Their next meeting will be August 5 at 6:30 P.M. The Evangelism will meet on Saturday, August 7, at 10:00 P.M. There were 32 attendees at VBS. The study

theme, “Egypt,” was greatly enjoyed by the children and also of interest to the New Covenant Presbyterian church, who were planning to present it at their VBS. A group from the church came to visit our program and borrowed some of our materials. Next year we will coordinate with them in the purchase of supplies. A Back-to School Brunch will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 10-11 A.M. The children attending will be given the school supplies recommended by the school district. The Membership Committee will meet on July 14 at 7:00 P.M. There are about 4-5 people interested in joining church.

Social Concerns Committee – Cheryl Wood said that we assisted several families in the last month. Plans are being developed for integrating the efforts of the Social Concerns, Evangelism, and Health Ministries Committees.

Missions Committee – Jeanne Quinn reported on the trials that many of the missionaries whom we support have had in recent months due to sickness and natural disasters. These spirit-filled servants have persevered through these troubles, and they continue to send us their thanks for our assistance.

Health Ministries – No report.

Youth Group – Lizz Marshall reported on the weekly “Breakout” meetings that Wendy Schmitt has been having with a group of teens (so far, all girls). Lizz described the meetings as “cool.” Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in the fall. Hope Ellsworth has volunteered to lead a “Tweens” group, ages 10-12, also beginning in the fall.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Jean Unruh reported for Jerry Mitchell, saying that Pastor Mike’s performance review had been sent to the Dover District before the deadline. The SPPRC will meet again on July 14 and will revise Pastor Mike’s Pastoral Covenant.

Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) – Harry Vercoe reported the group will not be meeting in July and August.

Transition Team – Pastor Mike walked us through a process that the Transition Team recently developed to move us from a focus on our current facilities to the new church facilities. Through this process, the Team is developing a new Mission Statement. The current Vision Statement is still valid; this process underpins that vision by our mission endeavor.

Capital Campaign Committee – Pat Short reported that the last yard sale garnered \$2866. A chicken barbeque is planned for July 17. The next yard sale will be held in September rather than August to avoid the extreme heat. The committee expects a profit of about \$6000 from the new cookbook. An antiques show in the new fellowship hall is under consideration. Other fundraising projects/dates: Pizza Tower (Rt. 24 in front of Giant) – During July, August, September, save your receipts and deposit in box in narthex for 10% reimbursement to Conley’s; Gospel Sing – September 12; Variety Show – October 15. GNO made \$440 profit from the Southern Barbeque picnic. This money will be distributed to needy women and children in Sussex County. Liz Marshall designed and is having printed Conley’s tee shirts that have a message front and back about getting connected with Conley’s and focusing on scripture as we build our new church.

Trustees – Mike Keim said work at the new site continues to make good progress. Most of the committees have come in under budget; however, hidden or unexpected costs are balancing out the unused monies. The new carpeting, fabrics, tile, paint colors, etc., will be displayed in the chapel narthex for all to see.

Pastor’s Report - Pastor Mike said that having vacation during the first week of June coincide with praying and fasting in preparation for Annual Conference was a wonderful experience. He felt that the Annual Conference went well and said that an oral report would be presented at each

service the weekend of July 17-18. The Spiritual Renewal weekend with Rev. Elmer Davis was extremely enriching and moving. Ending with a rousing Vacation Bible School, June was definitely a wonderful month. Visitation was good, not exceptional. Mike plans to increase one-on-one visitations during the coming year. He feels blessed that God is finding unique ways to have us follow Him.

Miscellaneous

Carl Bartell reported on protocol for pledging allegiance to the Christian flag. Since the Council voted to stop pledging to any flags at its meetings, this information is not needed at this time.

Lily Roadcap moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Intercessory prayer concluded the evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Unruh, Secretary

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