

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 16, 2007**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, April 16, 2007 in the Education Building lounge. Nick Strobel, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer. Nick reviewed the minutes of the March meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Pat Carter, Barbara Dethlefson, Barbara Knowlton, Jerry Ludeke, Diane O'Dell, Anne Scott, David Scott, Nick Strobel. Visitor: Jennifer Armantrout

Priority Items:

April 29 Bible Presentation: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, reported that during the April 29 worship service Bibles will be presented to children in grades 2 through 5 and to older students who have not received a Bible or would like a copy of the Study Bible used in the Sunday School classes.

May 4-5 Rummage Sale: Barbara Knowlton, UMW President, reported that during the May 4-5 rummage sale the United Methodist Women will sell hot dogs and chips for \$3 and water for \$1. The UMW sale will feature clothes and small items. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Small items are defined as being able to sit on a table. Sharyn Woods, Finance Chair, has announced that she and Darlene Phillips will sell large items in the May 5 parking lot sale. She has identified 45 parking lot spots that can be used by people to sell items.

UMW May Luncheon: Barbara Knowlton said that the UMW spring luncheon will be Tuesday, May 8 at the Guild House. Cost is \$16, and the time is 11:30 a.m. All Wesley women are invited to attend.

Parsonage Needs: Larry Lonsinger, Trustee Chair, was not present. Anne Scott said that she placed this item on the agenda because Larry had told her that the parsonage carpet might need to be replaced during before Pastor Pam moves in. Larry will be consulted to see if this needs to be on the May agenda.

Spring Work Day: The Outlook has an article that states that Saturday, April 28, will be spring work day at Wesley. No other details are currently known.

Dinner/Auction: Barbara Dethlefson reported for the Dinner/Auction Committee. She said that the date will be Oct. 20. The committee is considering having the Bakersfield College Renegade Room cater the dinner. Committee members will attend a tasting of possible menu items. The Rio Bravo Country Club restaurant had been considered, but dinner prices were too expensive to make a profit.

Youth Group Penny Drive: Anne Scott reported that the youth group presented a check for \$417.60 to the Bakersfield Rescue Mission when they toured the facility Sunday, April 15. The youth had sponsored a coin drive throughout Lent. That amount was determined when the large water bottle was emptied and counted by Cindy, Jeanette and Joel Wilson and David and Anne Scott. Jerry Ludeke, Finance Secretary, said that when she counted the money before depositing it, the amount was actually \$418.61. There were 11 youth who toured the mission and learned about the various programs that are offered for homeless men and women.

Summer Worship Service Time: Anne Scott explained that she had put the summer worship time item on the agenda this month because if it was postponed until May, it might be too late to implement a change if one is desired. She said that she was not recommending a vote tonight but wanted to bring it up for discussion. Wesley has changed the summer worship service time to an earlier hour up to last summer when it remained the same. Anne said that she would like it to be earlier during the summer because she felt that more families would attend on a regular basis. There was considerable discussion. It was pointed out that some people want to keep the same time all year, and some people would like two worship services to accommodate both early and late goers. It was agreed that an informal poll of members needed to be taken to advise the Administrative Council. A check off form will be printed in the Outlook and included in the Sunday Bulletin. People will be asked to vote only once. If the vote is evenly split, it was agreed that the worship time will remain the same. It will be changed to an earlier time only if there is a significant majority indicating they want the change. Anne will work with Terry Gonzales to develop the check off form.

Organist/Pianist Hunt: Diane O'Dell, Staff Parish Chair, said that the word "hunt" was definitely still the key word. Several potential organists have been interviewed and have auditioned but no one has qualified who combines the needed skills with the willingness to accept only 10 hours a week. There is a qualified organist, but he will only accept the job if it is for 20 hours. Wesley cannot afford to hire him. Diane said that if an organist is not available, the search will be for a pianist, similar to Joy Wang.

Extra Piano: Anne Scott explained that Margaret Grant has donated a piano to use in Room 2 with the Sunday School. The piano that already is in that room is in inferior condition. It was agreed to offer the piano to the youth group for use in Oglesby Hall. If the youth do not want the piano, it will be offered for sale at the rummage sale. Jennifer Armantrout explained how she had moved a piano and will assist with the moving if the youth group wants the piano.

Major Discussion Item:

Pastor Transition: Diane O'Dell, Staff Parish Chair, said that she has met Wesley's new pastor Pam Fine and has talked with her on the phone and feels very good about the transition. Nick Strobel reminded members about the farewell service held for Pastor Marty and the installation service for Pastor Kimberly. He recommended that similar services be held during this transition. Diane will look for the written materials describing those services. She will work with Carolyn Lonsinger, Worship Chair, to plan

the two services. Diane explained that guest worship speakers will be Dwight Reynolds on June 17 and Mack Phillips on June 24. Pastor Pam will begin July 1. Diane said that Pastor Pam hopes to be in Bakersfield June 13 and if she can come, there will be a potluck in The Gathering Place to introduce her to Administrative Council members. Anne Scott will organize the potluck. Anne Scott was asked to organize small groups to meet with Pastor Pam during the summer and early fall as she did when Pastor Kimberly arrived.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items:

Lent, Easter Week Activities: Everyone agreed that the Easter worship service was beautiful and very moving. The youth group members worked with Jerry Ludeke and Pastor Kimberly to make palm crosses for both Wesley and Trinity churches. The youth also packed the plastic Easter eggs with candies for the two churches.

Easter Egg Hunt: There were 300 plastic eggs hidden and found by the children. Plastic eggs may be returned to the church for use next year.

Committee Reports:

Education: Adult Studies: No report.

Sunday School: Anne Scott said that she has ordered the One Room Sunday School curriculum to be used this summer. Vacation Church School teachers still are needed for the pre-school, 1st-2nd and junior high classes. She has combined the senior and junior high Sunday School classes for the remainder of this school year because of the low number of students.

Youth: The youth group members will serve dinner at the Bakersfield Homeless Center Sunday, April 29.

Finance: Nick Stroble, reporting for Sharyn Ford, Finance Chair, said that the church finances look fine, and the church continues to pay 100 per cent of its apportionments. Diane O'Dell pointed out that the budget will need to be adjusted this summer because there will be an increase in the cost of health insurance for Pastor Pam and her family. The salary and the housing allowance will be the same as it was for Pastor Kimberly.

Membership/Evangelism: Barbara Dethlefsen, Membership/Evangelism Co-chair, thanked whoever added the notations (C for card, P for phone call, etc.) to the list of shut-in posted in the narthex. Jerry Ludeke said that she had done it. Barbara is very pleased about the response to the shut-in list. Anne Scott said that she still has not heard from Bob Pickard as to whether the ice cream social and fireworks show will be July 1 or 2. the date depends on when the county allows the sale to begin. Jennifer Armantrout made a plea for more sewers for the Prayers and Squares. Additional quilts are needed but there are only a very few people who are sewing quilts.

Memorials: Donna Adams, Memorials Chair, reported that the committee spent \$60 to repot the ficus plant in the narthex. Sherry Atkins, Bells Director, has requested that \$746.18 be approved from the Memorials Fund to purchase a set of chimes for the bells group. Anne Scott said that Fay Rosenlieb Kennedy has said that she would like money

from the Frank Rosenlieb memorial fund to be used for music related purposes. Donna will contact Fay to see if the chimes would be an appropriate purchase out of that fund.

Missions/Social Concerns: No report.

Staff Parish: Report already given.

Trustees: No Report

United Methodist Women: Barbara Knowlton, UMW President, said that UMW board will meet this Wednesday to discuss future programs.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, said he has posted Easter pictures. He attended a Conference meeting in Sacramento and the quilt that Wesley gave the bishop is hanging on a wall in the conference office.

Worship: Nick Strobel said that Wesley needs to take a thank you offering for Fresno District Superintendent Vickie Healy's eight years of service. It was agreed that the offering will be taken Sunday, April 22. Anne Scott will work with Terry Gonzales to prepare envelopes to put into the bulletin. It was agreed that special offerings will be taken May 6 for the United Methodist Nothing But Nets campaign to buy nets to protect African children from malaria and June 3 for the Conference offering for Angola.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kimberly was out of town so no report was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott

The next Administrative Council meeting will be May 21, 2007.