

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 21, 2006**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, August 21, 2006 in the Education Building lounge. The meeting was called to order by Nick Strobel, Council Chair, at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kimberly opened the meeting with a prayer. N. Strobel reviewed the minutes of the May meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Caroline Close, Evelyn Elliott, Freda Hamilton, Jean Ann Lansche, James Lipford, Marlene Lipford, Larry Lonsinger, Phil Maxwell, Stella Rous, Anne Scott, David Scott, Nick Strobel, Pastor Kimberly Willis. Council visitors: Jennifer Armantrout, Bob Pickard.

**Priority Items:**

Sunday School: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, described how Sunday School classes will be organized: Nursery, Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades, Senior High. There will be two adult classes offered during Sunday School.

Adult Studies: Stella Rous, Education Co-Chair, explained the adult studies to be offered this fall. Pastor Kimberly will teach a five week comparative religions class and Nick Strobel will facilitate a video series during Sunday School. The Wednesday evening group will engage in an eight week Old Testament Disciple study to be completed before Thanksgiving. The Thursday morning study group will resume when Barbara Dethlefsen returns.

May Retreat Follow Up: Nick Strobel, Council Chair, reviewed the minutes from the May retreat held to discuss the church programs for children and youth. The retreat participants' consensus was that children's programs were satisfactory but more needs to be offered for youth. Discussion was held on what will be done this fall to provide more youth attention. This includes organizing Oglesby Hall to serve as a youth center and going back to weekly Sunday night youth meetings. The Education Committee has proposed that monthly movie and mission outreach nights be held along with the twice a month meetings now led by Hank Webb.

Bazaar Chair: Anne Scott questioned as to whether there were bazaar chairs named. Jennifer Armantrout will talk to Barbara Knowlton to determine if she will chair the bazaar. (Follow up: Barbara Knowlton and Lillie Johnson will cochair.)

**Major Discussion Item:**

2006-07 Administrative Council Meeting Dates: Anne Scott presented tentative dates for the monthly administrative council meetings. These dates were unanimously approved.

2006-07 Church Activities Calendar: Anne Scott presented a tentative calendar for the next 12 months. Two additions were proposed, and committee chairs confirmed tentative dates. The revised calendar was moved by Caroline Close, seconded by Stella Rous and unanimously approved. It will be published in a future Outlook.

Fireworks Booth Update: Nick Strobel explained that the church fireworks booth had been approved for 2006 with the provision that the council would reconsider whether the fireworks booth should be approved for a future year. Bob Pickard, fireworks sale chair, explained that the booth made a profit of approximately \$2,100 this year. Previous years' profits had been about \$3,500. There was extensive discussion as to whether the sale should be continued next year. Everyone agreed that the ice cream social and fireworks show put on for the neighborhood brings very positive feelings for Wesley and should be continued in some form. Arguments in favor of the booth are that it is a successful fundraiser, it takes little effort for individual church members (excepting all the work that the Pickard family puts in), and it provides an opportunity to present the ice cream and fireworks show. Arguments against are that fireworks are dangerous and can injure people, pollute the air and cause noise. Phil Maxwell moved that the fireworks sale be permitted for 2007. Donna Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 yes and 4 no. Pastor Kimberly thanked Bob Pickard for all his work with the booth. Pickard said that he would continue to chair the committee.

#### **Follow Up on Past Priority Items:**

Parsonage Repairs: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees Chair, reported that the parsonage repairs have been completed. A new roof and a new patio cover have been installed. Total cost for all the repairs was \$14,607. The cost will be met through a grant of \$3,000 and a loan of \$7,000 from the Kern Extension Society. The remaining \$4,607 will come out of the current church budget. Pastor Kimberly thanked Larry and Dick Adams for all the work that they did in arranging for the repairs and overseeing the work.

Annual Conference: David Scott and Nick Strobel, lay members to annual conference, reported on the June event. The theme was the celebration of 50 years of women in the ministry. Wesley was commended for being one of five churches to meet its 100 per cent apportionments for the first time. Nick has a detailed report on the website.

July 1 Ice Cream Social: Anne Scott reported that there were approximately 400 people present, and everything went very smoothly. The two privately hired security officers mingled well with the crowd. There were 25 large containers of ice cream served.

Vacation Church School: Anne Scott said that 50 students attended the Vacation Church School held last week. The theme was Caring for God's Earth and a variety of activities were carried out. There were 30 backpacks filled for the Bakersfield Homeless Center. Overall costs were under the budgeted \$750, as items were made from recycled materials.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Education:

Sunday School: Report already presented. Pastor Kimberly explained that she will teach a confirmation class during the Sunday School time in Lent.

Youth: Pastor Kimberly said that she will serve as the resource person coordinating efforts to organize a youth program. There are 14 current possible members and if Trinity students join, there could be 20 youth involved in the Sunday evening program. Oglesby Hall will be cleaned Saturday and will be used as the youth center. Freda Hamilton reported that she has collected \$95 to purchase a ping pong table.

Adult Studies: Report already presented.

Endowment Fund: James Lipford said that he is no longer a member of the Endowment Fund, and a committee chair needs to be appointed along with additional members.

Finance: No report.

Membership/Evangelism: Anne Scott, committee co-chair, said that two professionally made signs to advertise events are now displayed outside. Signs will be made for each event as it occurs. The letters may be peeled off the signs and replaced, reducing the cost. Prospective new members will be welcomed at an informal gathering at her home in late September. She plans to reorganize the Telephone Tree in early September.

Memorials: No report.

Missions/Social Concerns: The committee has not met this summer.

Staff Parish: The committee has not met this summer.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger, chair, said that a new refrigerator has been purchased for the Gathering Place. He is working on getting water to the newly planted tree and garden. He will repair the broken windows in Oglesby Hall.

United Methodist Women: Jennifer Armantrout, reporting for UMW, said that there will be a UMW board meeting Thursday. She thanked the church for sending her and Dolores Shumate to the Prayers and Squares conference in San Diego.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, encouraged members to check out the website.

Worship: The committee has not met this summer.

Pastor's Report: The annual charge conference will be held Sunday, Oct. 29, at St. Marks church in Oildale. There will be a 6 p.m. potluck followed by the 7 p.m. charge conference. Sunday, Oct. 29, there will be 10 people joining Wesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott

