

# WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 2007

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, June 11, 2007 in the Education Building lounge. Nick Strobel, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer. Nick reviewed the minutes of the May meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously. Two items were added to the agenda: calendar draft and the question of a July meeting.

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Caroline Close, Evelyn Elliott, Freda Hamilton, Barbara Knowlton, Carolyn Lonsinger, Larry Lonsinger, Jerry Ludeke, Diane O'Dell, Stella Rous, Anne Scott, David Scott, Nick Strobel. Visitor: Jennifer Armantrout

## **Priority Items:**

July 1 Welcome Worship Services: Diane O'Dell, Staff/Parish chair, explained that the Worship and Staff/Parish committees were working together and adapting the welcome service used three years ago. Pastor Kimberly has left the red stole on the altar, and it will be placed on Pastor Pam during the July 1 service. The items to be presented to her are being collected, and Diane and Carolyn Lonsinger, Worship chair, will present them.

June 13 Potluck with Pastor Pam: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, passed around the food sign up list for the June 13 potluck with Pastor Pam. She explained that Pam's husband Don Burklund will accompany her. Anne said that letters had been sent to the Administrative Council and Staff/Parish members but others may attend. The idea is to keep the group small enough so that Pam may have an informal dialogue with church leaders. Each person will be asked to introduce herself/himself and tell of the responsibilities held at Wesley. Caroline Close suggested that people wear nametags, and Anne said that she would have nametags available. Anne explained Pam's schedule during the remainder of June and first week of July. She and her family will arrive in Bakersfield June 29, be there for the July 1 worship service, and then return to Arbutle to meet their moving van there. They will return to Bakersfield later that week and move into the parsonage. Jerry Ludeke has offered the use of her house during their stays.

June 17 Conference Offering for Angola: Nick Strobel explained that each year in June the California Nevada Annual Conference takes up an offering to assist with a mission project. This year the conference offering will go to West Angola (and to the Philippines). A story about the offering will be in the Outlook this week.

June 17 Transitions Workshop: Diane O'Dell, Staff/Parish chair, explained that she has contacted the district to invite other churches to attend the June 17 Transitions Workshop but no one has called to reserve. Holly Hillman, conference presenter, has said that she will start while people are eating lunch. Diane, Anne Scott, and Jerry Ludeke are making the salads for the lunch. Caroline Close offered to bring bread. Diane will check with the Tehachapi church to make sure they know about the workshop.

Parsonage Status: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees Chair, said that Lisa Neath, Carolyn Lonsinger and he had gone through the parsonage May 29 to determine any repairs that needed to be made. Lisa will arrange for cleaning the carpets and the house and will have spot painting done. The moving van for Kimberly will come June 18.

Organist/Pianist Hunt: Diane O'Dell reported that Eunice Lee, piano teacher of Joy Wang, is interested in the position but might not be able to start immediately as she has surgery scheduled. She might need a substitute for a month. Diane is continuing to look for a replacement for Joy but believes that Eunice will accept the position.

July 2 Ice Cream Social and Fireworks Show: Barbara Knowlton explained that Ron Saylor has agreed to set off the fireworks, Anne Scott will arrange for security, and a sign up for volunteers will be posted in the narthex. Nick Strobel asked about the sound system and said he would try to set it up before he left on vacation.

Vacation Church School: Anne Scott said that she met with the Vacation Church School teachers, and they are now planning for the week. She still needs three teachers.

Oct. 27 Dinner Auction: Carolyn Lonsinger, co-chair, reported that plans are progressing for the dinner/auction. She and Diane O'Dell went out and solicited items for the auction. Freda Hamilton reported that two tables, 16 places, have been reserved.

Calendar Draft: Anne Scott passed out draft copies of the 2007-08 calendar and asked the committee chairs to add their all church events and bring their drafts to the next Administrative Council meeting.

July Meeting: Nick Strobel surveyed the council members and determined that many people will be out of town in July. He proposed that there be no July meeting, and the next council meeting be August 20. There was unanimous agreement.

**Major Discussion Item:**

Ways to Welcome and Assist Pastor Pam: Diane O'Dell and Anne Scott explained that there would be an Outlook story inviting people to provide food for Pam and her family during their first week in Bakersfield and to provide house warming gifts. Diane and Carolyn Lonsinger will coordinate receiving foods and gifts.

Maintaining Same Wesley Leadership for 2007-08: Anne Scott explained that all the chairs of Wesley Committees have agreed to remain as chairs for the next year. However, additional people need to be nominated for positions that will become vacant on certain committees. She explained that the pastor chairs the Nominations Committee. It was moved by Anne Scott, seconded by Jerry Ludeke and unanimously approved that the following occur: During July and August all persons on committees will remain in their positions. A meeting of the Nominations Committee will be called in August, presided over by Pastor Pam, and changes and additions to committees will be recommended at that time. A church meeting to approve the changes will then be called in September.

**Follow Up on Past Priority Items:**

June 10 Farewell Worship Service and Lunch/Program: Everyone agreed that the worship service and lunch and program for Pastor Kimberly went very well. There was a large turnout for the service and lunch.

Bed Nets Offering Total: Anne Scott reported that a total of \$877 has been collected for the Nothing But Nets campaign. The Sunday School children will continue the campaign during the summer and Vacation Church School.

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Adult Studies: No classes during the summer.

Sunday School: Sunday School is being held simultaneously with the worship service.

Youth: There was a discussion about how to keep the youth group going during the summer. Anne Scott said that Hank Webb, youth group leader, is contacting families to ask each set of parents to supervise and provide the program for a meeting in July. She said that she had talked with Pastor Madi Elsea of Trinity UMC, and Pastor Madi plans to talk with Pastor Pam about the youth group and how she envisions it should be organized. The two pastors then will meet with the Education Committee to plan future youth programs. Nick Strobel said that he felt the youth should be included in the discussion, and it was agreed that this would be done.

Finance: Sharyn Woods had called the office and told Caroline Close, covering the office that day, to report that finances for the month were ok.

Membership/Evangelism: Report already given.

Memorials: Has not met because no requests made this month.

Missions/Social Concerns: Anne Scott said that she has signed up Wesley to serve dinner at the Bakersfield Homeless Center July 29. This will be a youth group program but adults will be invited to participate. A minimum of 10 people are needed.

Staff Parish: Report already given.

Trustees: Report already given.

United Methodist Women: Barbara Knowlton, UMW President, said that the United Methodist Women have scheduled a luncheon for Dec. 8.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, said that he has photos from the Sunday service and lunch up on the website. He reminded people that eyeglasses and cell phones may be donated at annual conference.

Worship: Report already given.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kimberly was not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott

The next Administrative Council meeting will be August 20, 2007.

