

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
June 15, 2009**

A Charge Conference for Wesley United Methodist Church met Monday, June 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Building lounge. Minutes are attached. Following the completion of the Charge Conference the Administrative Council met. Nick Strobel, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The minutes of the May 2009 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Administrative Council members present: Sherry Atkins, Louise Clay, Pam Fine, Freda Hamilton, Barbara Knowlton, Tom Larwood, James Lipford, Jerry Ludeke, Gay Lynne Natho, Stella Rous, Anne Scott, David Scott, Ruth Shivers, Nick Strobel.

Major Discussion Items:

Pastor Transition Process: Pastor Pam reported that she has been in communication with Pastor Karen Stoffers-Pugh, and she has provided Karen with needed information. Pastor Pam's moving van will pick up her furniture on Tuesday, June 23. Pastor Karen's moving van will arrive Saturday, June 27. June 21 will be Pam's last Sunday at Wesley. She and her husband Dan Burklund will serve communion to everyone during that service. Pastor Karen will preach her first service on July 5. Karen will be on vacation Monday, July 6, to Saturday, July 11. She will lead the July 12 service.

Farewell and Welcome Activities: Sherry Atkins, worship co-chair, said that everything is planned for the farewell part of the June 21 worship service. The worship committee also has planned a welcome for Karen during the July 5 worship service. After both services lunch will be served. Barbara Knowlton is in charge of the lunches.

Parsonage Preparation: Pastor Pam said that she believed the parsonage is in good condition. Lisa Neath will arrange for cleaning of the parsonage.

Priority Discussion Items:

Air Conditioning Installation: Pastor Pam explained that two air conditioning units have been installed in The Gathering Place. They were purchased through a grant from the Kern Extension Society.

Nominations: Pastor Pam, Nominations chair, said that all persons in major church positions have agreed to continue in those positions for the remainder of 2009. She reviewed the list of appointments. The only change in a committee chair position is that Lisa Strobel will become chair of the Worship committee. There was discussion about the possibility of moving the change in officers to correspond with the calendar year. The list of nominees could be approved at the annual fall Charge Conference, and officers begin January 1. This will be discussed with Pastor Karen.

Wednesday Night Dinners: Louise Clay, a Wednesday Night dinner leader, reported that more community people are attending the dinners. Barbequed chicken was served last

week. The free will offering and food donations have been sufficient to cover the costs of the dinners to date.

Rummage Sale: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, reported that Donna Adams and Marlene Lipford have volunteered to chair the rummage sale. After much consideration of church events and dates, they have selected Saturday, August 29, as the date for the rummage sale. There was discussion about whether this was a good date. It was pointed out that it had been agreed that the sale chairs would select the date, and Donna and Marlene had reviewed all possible dates before selecting this one. It was agreed that the old heavy tables in The Gathering Place will be sold at the rummage sale or donated to The Salvation Army following the sale.

August 3-7 Vacation Church School: Anne Scott reviewed the list of teachers who have volunteered to teach during Vacation Church School. She needs just one more teacher. She said that Barbara Knowlton has volunteered to coordinate the snacks and Friday lunch. Margaret Grant will be the music director. This will be a joint VCS with Trinity.

Annual Conference Information: Nick Strobel, Lay Representative to Annual Conference, announced that during the conference there will be a live video stream that may be viewed through the church website. He passed out information related to the measures to be discussed during the conference. Pastor Pam explained that the conference is entering a new era. The conference will continue to be divided into seven districts, but there will be only five superintendents serving the districts. A sixth district superintendent will work directly with the bishop. The two districts without superintendents will be cared for by the other superintendents. All the churches are being organized into circuits to provide for greater sharing and accountability. Pastor Karen will serve as circuit leader for the 11 Kern County United Methodist churches. Jerry Ludeke said that the bishop has sent a letter to Wesley's staff/parish committee to tell them about Karen's appointment as circuit leader.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items

June 6-7 Youth Choir Visit: Anne Scott thanked everyone who provided housing and helped with the meals for the youth.

Committee Reports:

Education: Stella Rous explained that the education committee will continue to provide a monthly movie night during the summer. While Nick Strobel is gone, Jennifer Armantrout will set up the equipment to show the movies.

Sunday School/Vacation Church School: Anne Scott explained that she is inviting all the Vacation Church School teachers and the pastors to a work session and lunch July 21. This will give the teachers an opportunity to meet Karen and the new Trinity pastor. Anne said that she plans to meet with the parents of children of Sunday School age to discuss the children's education program for the fall. She explained that during the past year there were more children attending the worship service narthex program than attending the traditional Sunday School. She would like to encourage parents and

grandparents to bring their children to the 9 a.m. Sunday School.

Finance: David Scott, Finance chair, reported that giving is ahead of what has been budgeted and this is helping to balance the church budget.

Membership: No report.

Memorials: Pastor Pam reported that the Memorials Committee has authorized the purchase of 12 round tables and a storage cart that will hold the tables when they are not being used. The tables will be purchased from Costco. They will be used for the dinner/auction and other events.

Missions/Social Concerns: Pastor Pam reported that more than \$400 was given Sunday for the conference offering. The money will be given to the conference to help buy a tractor for the conference in West Angola. Phil Maxwell currently is in Georgia arranging for the tractor sale and shipping.

Staff Parish: Report already given

Trustees: No report.

United Methodist Women: Barbara Knowlton, UMW president, explained that the United Methodist Women plan to assist grade school teacher Cindy Williams during the coming school year. Assistance will include providing supplies and helping in the classroom as needed. The UMW gave \$45 to complete Wesley's \$2,500 covenant commitment with missionary Katherine Parker.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, web master, reported that he has provided a link on the website to the live stream from Annual Conference.

Worship: Sherry Atkins, Worship co-chair, explained that both choirs are on vacation, and that special music will be provided at the worship service during the summer.

Pastor's Report: Because this is her last Administrative Council meeting at Wesley Pastor Pam provided a detailed report of what she has done in the past two years. It is attached. She thanked everyone for the support they have given her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

